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Counting the Electoral Vote.

THE TWO HOUSES IN JOINT CONVENTION.

Arkansas and Louisiana Excluded.

WASHINGTON, February 12, 1873.

HOUSE.

CROWDED GALLERIES.

This being the day when the ceremony of counting the Presidential electoral votes takes place in the House, the galleries, in spite of the rain, which had been falling all morning, were crowded.

VIENNA EXPOSITION.

On motion of Mr. BANKS, the Senate amendments to the bill making provision for the Vienna Exposition were concurred in.

U. S. COURTS IN MINNESOTA.

Mr. BINGHAM, from the Committee on Judiciary, reported a bill changing the time of holding United States Courts in Minnesota.- Passed.

MESSAGE SENT TO THE SENATE.

On motion of Mr. DAWES, a message was sent to the Senate that the House was prepared to receive that body to proceed with the counting of the electoral votes for President and Vice President.

AMENDING THE REVENUE LAWS.

Mr. MAYNARD, from the Committee on Ways and Means, reported a bill amending the thirtieth section of the internal revenue law of the 14th of July, 1870, so as to provide that on all importations of sugar, molasses and pig iron and railroad iron the amount of the bond required shall only be in the penal sum of double the amount of duties on such articles, and that on all other importations the bond shall be in the penal sum equal to the invoice of the value of imported merchandise, with the duties added thereto. Passed.

COUNTING THE ELECTORAL VOTE.

At one o'clock the door keeper announced the the arrival of the Senate, and the Speaker and members of the House immediately stood up, and remained standing while the members of the Senate, preceded by their Secretary and Sergeant-at-Arms, filed down the main aisle two by two, and took the seats assigned them in the southeastern section of the hall.

Mr. Colfax, Vice President, took the chair of the Speaker, who occupied a seat to the left of the Vice President, and Messrs. Sherman and Representatives Dawes and Beck, who had been appointed tellers, took their places at the clerk's desk.

The Vice President called the Joint Convention to order, stating that the Senate and House of Representatives having met under the provisions of the constitution for the purpose of opening, determining and declaring the vote for the offices of President and Vice President of the United States for the term of four years, commencing on the 4th of March next, and that it being his duty, in the presence of both houses thus convened, to open the votes, he would now proceed to discharge that duty. He then broke open the sealed packages containing the certificates of the Governor of the State of Maine as to the persons chosen as electors of that State, together with the certificate of the election, and handed the same to the tellers.

Senator SHERMAN thereupon read the certificate of electors, showing that the votes of that State were given for U. S. Grant, as President and Henry Wilson as Vice President.

The same formally was done through with in the case of the State of New Hampshire, and then it was ordered that instead of reading the certificates in full, the tellers should simply announce the result of the vote in each State, unless the reading of a certificate should be specially called for, and that course was observed throughout the proceedings. The first variation in the uniformity of the record was when the State of Maryland was reached.

Mr. BECK read the certificate from that State, showing that its eight votes had been cast for Thomas A. Hendricks, of Indiana, as President, and B. Gratz Brown, of Missouri, as Vice President. The next deviation was in the case of Georgia, and Mr. Beck, having examined the certificate, announced that the eleven votes of that State for President had been given as follows: B. G. Brown, of Missouri, six; Horace Greeley, of New York, three, and Charles J. Jenkins, of Georgia, two. The electoral votes for Vice President, as follows: B. G. Brown, of Missouri, five; Alfred H. Colquitt, of Georgia, five, and N. P. Banks, of Massachusetts, one.

The one vote for Vice President which Gen. Banks received from the State of Georgia caused some laughter at the expense of that gentleman.

Then Mr. HOAR rose and made a point that the three votes cast for Horace Greeley could not be counted, because Horace Greeley was dead at the time such electors assembled and cast their votes, and therefore there was not a person within the meaning of the Constitution, this being a historical fact of which the two Houses might properly take notice.

The Vice President read the rule which requires, in the case of any question arising on the vote that the two Houses shall separate and vote upon the point.

At the suggestion of Senator CONKLING, Mr. HOAR withdrew his point temporarily, as it was likely that other points would arise, and might be all disposed of at the same time. The certificate from the State of Mississippi having been read, Senator TRUMBULL objected to its being counted, on the ground that the certificate of the electors failed to state that they had voted by ballot.

Mr. POTTER further objected to one of the votes of Mississippi, on the ground that one elector having been substituted for another, who was absent, such substitution was not certified to by the Governor, and also because the Secretary of State certified to nothing of his own knowledge, but on information.

The various objections having been reduced to writing, the Senate withdrew in order to pass upon them, and the House thereupon was called to order by the Speaker.

Mr. HOAR then offered a resolution that the votes reported by the tellers as having been cast by the Electors of the State of Georgia for Horace Greeley as President of the United States ought not, in the judgment of the House, be counted, said Horace Greeley having died before such votes were cast.

Mr. BANKS made a point of order that the House had no power to decide on the question of eligibility.

The Speaker remarked that that was a question for the House to determine under the resolution, not a point of order within the purview of the chair.

The vote was taken without debate by yeas and nays, and amid much excitement, particularly as it became evident that the vote was close, and as the difficulty presented itself of having the Senate and House take opposite sides of the question. The vote resulted, however, in the adoption of the resolution by yeas 102, nays 78. Many Republicans voted against the resolution and many Democrats for it.

Mr. KERR then offered a resolution that the votes cast for Horace Greeley should be counted as blank votes.

The Speaker declined to entertain the resolution, on the ground that the House had already disposed of the question, and was now engaged in voting on other questions raised in Joint Convention of both Houses. He stated that the question now before the House was on the objection raised by Senator Trumbull to counting the votes of the State of Mississippi.

Mr. DAWES offered a resolution that, in the judgment of the House, the eight votes reported by the tellers as cast by the electors of the State of Mississippi ought to be counted. The resolution was adopted---101 to 33.

The question then arose on the objection made by Mr. Potter, that one of the votes of Mississippi should not be counted, because that vote had not been cast by Morgan, the regular elector, but by Spellman, who was appointed as a substitute, such appointment not having been duly certified to by the Governor.

Mr. POTTER offered a resolution in accordance with his objection.

Mr. BANKS offered a substitute for it, declaring that the electors of the State of Mississippi, having been appointed in the manner directed by the Legislature of that State and in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of the United States, were legal electors of that State, and that the vote as cast by them should be counted.

The substitute was agreed to, and then a message was sent to the Senate that the House had acted on the question submitted by the joint convention of the two houses.

The House then took a recess for a quarter of an hour.

Shortly after the close of the recess, the Senate again came into the hall of the House in the same order as before, and the session of the Joint Convention was resumed, under the chairmanship of the Vice President.

The Vice President stated the result of the two Houses on the three questions that had been raised, showing concurrence between the two Houses in the case of Georgia, and stated that, under the twenty-second joint rule, the vote of that State could not be counted. The rule provides that no vote objected to shall be counted, except by a concurrent vote of the two Houses.

There having been a concurrence of the two Houses in regard to the question of Mississippi, the vote of that State was counted. The tellers then proceeded with the formal business of stating the results of the electoral votes. That of the State of Kentucky was stated by Mr. Beck, as being for Thomas A. Hendricks, eight votes, and B. Gratz Brown, of Missouri, four votes.

Senator MORTON made a point of order that two of the votes of the electors of Georgia having been cast for a citizen of that State for President and five for another citizen of that State for Vice President, such votes should not be counted, the Constitution requiring that the President and Vice President shall not be citizens of the same State.

The Vice President overruled the point of order, as not having been made in time.

The same point, however, was made by Senator CARPENTER in regard to the State of Missouri, it appearing that some votes were cast for B. Gratz Brown for President and some for him as Vice President. The point was, however, withdrawn, in view of the sentence in the certificate to the effect that none of the electors who had voted for B. Gratz Brown as President had voted for him as Vice President.

The certificates of the electors of the State of Texas having been read by Mr. Dawes, Senator TRUMBULL objected to the vote being received, because there was no certificate of the executive authority of that State, that the persons who voted for President and Vice President had been appointed electors.

Mr. DICKEY also objected because it appeared that there was not a legal majority of electors, only four of the original electors having been present, and had undertaken to fill the places of the four who were absent. These two objections having been made, the Senate again, at 4:20 P. M., withdrew to its chamber, in order that both Houses might pass separately upon the objections.

In reference to the objection made by Senator Trumbull, the House adopted a resolution offered by Mr. Dawes that the vote of Texas should be counted as reported by the tellers, and in reference to the objection made by Mr. Dickey, the House adopted a resolution that a quorum is an arbitrary number which each State has the right to establish for itself, and that as it does not appear that the choice of electors was in conflict with the law of that State as to a quorum for the transaction of business, the vote of Texas should be counted.

After an interval extending to ten minutes after five o'clock, the Senate again returned to the hall of the House. The Vice President took the chair, and the session of the joint convention was resumed.

The Vice President stated the fact that the objections to the vote of Texas had been overruled by each House, and directed that the vote should be counted.

The examining and stating of the result of electoral certificates was resumed. The Vice President, in presenting the certificates from the State of Arkansas, stated that a copy had been received by him on the 11th of December, and one by the Secretary of State on the 2d of January, 1873, and that on the 4th or 5th of February a person claiming to be a messenger from the State of Arkansas, but without a commission as such, presented to him a sealed package, which, when opened, purported to be a certificate of three electors, but which was wholly informal, and was so treated by him.

Senator HILL objected to the vote of that State being received, but deferred offering his objection in writing until after the certificates from Louisiana were presented.

The Vice President then handed to the tellers a certificate from the State of Louisiana, which had been reserved till the last, and Mr. DAWES proceeded to read it in full. This certificate gave the eight votes of Louisiana to U. S. Grant as President and Henry Wilson as Vice President.

The Vice President handed to the tellers another certificate from Louisiana, signed by eight other persons claiming to be electors of the State, and giving the electoral vote for Vice President to B. Gratz Brown, the votes for President having been blank. The latter paper was accompanied by certificates from the Governor of Louisiana stating that eight persons who had signed it had been duly elected as electors for President and Vice President, and stating that the certificate states that the eight electors in the popular vote received over sixty-six thousand votes, while the other eight elected received only fifty-eighty thousand odd votes.

Senator WILSON objected to the certificate of the last set of electors, on the ground that such certificate was not made in pursuance of law.

Mr. SHELDON also objected to the same certificate because the Governor's certificate was not signed by the person who was at the time Secretary of State for the State of Louisiana, and for the further reason that at the time such certificate was executed there had not been certified and returned to the Governor the votes cast by the people of Louisiana.

Mr. POTTER objected to the certificate of the first set of electors, for the reason that there was no certificate from the executive authorities of the State, as required by the act of Congress of 1792, that persons who cast such votes were appointed electors, but that, on the contrary, there was a certificate by the Governor that those persons who voted for B. Gratz Brown as Vice President had been duly elected electors of the State.

Mr. STEVENSON objected to counting any vote from the State of Louisiana because it did not satisfactorily appear that any electors were elected according to law.

Senator CARPENTER also objected to counting any of the votes of Louisiana because there was no proper return of the votes cast by the electors of that State, and because there is no State government in that State, republican in form, and because no canvass of the vote cast in the State had been made.

Senator TRUMBULL objected to the first certificate certifying to the election of Grant and Wilson, because Boree, who signed the electors' certificate, was not at the time Secretary of State, nor in possession of the office nor was for that position, and because that certificate was not true in fact, as proved by the admission of Boree before a Committee of the Senate.

All objections to the vote of Louisiana having been stated, Senator RICE stated his objection to the vote of Arkansas, it being that the election returns showed that the person certified to by the Secretary of State were not elected as electors for President and Vice President, and because the returns read by the tellers had not been certified according to law.

The Senate at 6:15 o'clock withdrew, and for a time there was much confusion in the House, caused by an effort on the part of many members to take a recess till to-morrow, and by the efforts of other members to defeat that proposition. The motion for recess was defeated---yeas 82, nays 101.

The objection to the vote of Arkansas was then submitted to the House and a resolution adopted, by a vote of 163 to 27, on motion of Mr. SCHENCK, that the vote be counted for Grant and Wilson.

Mr. GARFIELD offered a resolution that, in the judgment of the House, none of the returns reported by the tellers as electoral votes of Louisiana should be counted.

Mr. SPEER moved as a substitute that the vote of the electors of Louisiana certified to by Governor Warmoth be counted.

Mr. SHELDON offered a resolution that the State of Louisiana for Grant and Wilson be counted.

Mr. POTTER called attention to the fact that the seal attached to the certificates, signed by Boree, was not the seal of the State.

The Speaker ruled that that was debate, and no debate was in order.

Mr. POTTER---I demand to know whether the seal of the State of Louisiana is attached to that certificate.

Mr. Speaker---The Chair does not know.

Mr. AMBLER---Is it not the right of the House, in passing on questions, to know whether in point of fact the seal of the State of Louisiana is attached to one or both of these certificates?

The Speaker---But as a matter of fact, the chair never saw the seal of Louisiana, and would not know it.

Mr. AMBLER---Would it not be proper for the House to be informed whether the seals attached to the two papers are the same.

Speaker---The chair cannot indulge, and will not permit, debate on what is the true seal of Louisiana.

Mr. AMBLER---Then I ask that the statement of Boree before the committee of the Senate be read.

Mr. STORM asked that the inscriptions on the seals be read.

The Speaker directed that to be done. It appeared, in fact, that they were not impressions from the same seal.

After some further attempts at discussion, which were repressed by the use of the Speaker's gavel, a vote was taken on Mr. Sheldon's resolution, and it was rejected without division.

A vote was then taken on Mr. Speer's resolution, and it was rejected---yeas 60, nays 84.

A vote was then taken on Mr. Garfield's resolution that none of the returns of the electors of Louisiana should be counted, and it was agreed to without a division.

The Senate again (7:45) returned to the hall of the House, and the Vice President, having the chair, announced the action of both Houses as to the vote of Arkansas and Louisiana, the effect of them being to exclude the votes of both these States. The general result of the count was then stated by the tellers, through Senator Sherman. The Vice President, having received from the tellers an abstract of the votes, declared that Ulysses S. Grant, of Illinois, having received a majority of the whole number of electoral votes for President, was duly elected President of the United States for four years, commencing on the 4th of March, 1873, and that Henry Wilson, of Massachusetts, having received a majority of the whole number of electoral votes for Vice President, was duly elected Vice President of the United States for four years, commencing on the 4th of March, 1873. [Applause.]

The Senate then made its final exit, and the House, at five minutes past eight, adjourned.

SENATE.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AT PADUCAH.

Mr. HAGHES introduced a bill for the erection of public buildings at Paducah, Ky.

BILL PASSED.

The calendar was taken up and the following bill passed:

Amending the act to provide for holding United States Circuit Court in the western district of Missouri.

COUNTING THE ELECTORAL VOTE.

At fifteen minutes before one o'clock the clerk of the House appeared and announced that that body was ready to receive the Senate for the purpose of counting the electoral votes for President and Vice President of the United States.

On motion of Mr. SHERMAN, five minutes before one o'clock the Senate, preceded by the Sergeant-at-Arms and with the Vice President and Secretary at its head, proceeded to the hall of the House of Representatives. At 2:10 o'clock the Senate returned to its Chamber, and the Vice President submitted for the decision of the Senate the objection raised in joint convention by Mr. HOAR to the counting of three electoral votes of Georgia cast for Horace Greeley, on the ground that the votes could not be properly cast for a person who was dead.

The Vice President stated that under the rule the question must be decided without debate.

Mr. EDMUNDS offered the following:

Resolved, That the said alleged votes of Georgia cast for Horace Greeley be not counted.

Mr. THURMAN moved to amend by striking out the word "not."

On motion of Mr. EDMUNDS, the yeas and nays were ordered, and the vote was: yeas 47, nays 18. So the amendment was agreed to.

Mr. CONKLING moved to add to the resolution so as to make it read as amended:

Resolved, That the electoral votes of Georgia cast for Horace Greeley be counted, the function of the joint convention being ministerial merely, and this question being independent of the question of the effect of the votes or of the count.

At the suggestion of Mr. Morton, Mr. CONKLING substituted the words "The two Houses" for the term "Joint Convention," and at the suggestion of Mr. Sherman, he amended his amendment so as to make it read the "Functions of the two Houses in counting the votes being ministerial, &c."

Mr. BAYARD raised the point of order that Conkling's amendment was merely a recital of a legal proposition, and not properly an amendment at all, because it did not change or affect in any way the substance of the original resolution.

The Senate sustained the point of order and rejected the amendment by a vote of 32 to 30.

Mr. CONKLING moved to amend the resolution so as to read:

Resolved, That the functions of the two Houses in respect to the count of votes being ministerial and independent of the question or effect of the vote, the electoral votes of Georgia cast for Horace Greeley be counted.

Mr. BAYARD made the same point of order as before, and also the point that this amendment was not in order, having already been voted upon in substance.

The amendment was rejected by a vote of 33 to 28.

The resolution that the votes of Georgia cast for Greeley be counted was then agreed to---yeas 44, nays 19.

The Vice President submitted the objection raised in Joint Convention by Mr. Trumbull to the counting of the votes of Mississippi, upon the ground that it did not apply to certificates of electors that they had voted by ballot.

Mr. TRUMBULL withdrew the objection, and submitted the following:

Resolved, That the electoral vote of the State of Mississippi be counted.

The Vice President submitted the objection raised by Mr. Potter, of New York, in Joint Convention, to the counting of the vote of Spellman, an elector appointed to fill a vacancy, on the ground that his certificate was not signed by the Governor.

Mr. HAMLIN offered a resolution to count the vote of Spellman, which was agreed to.

Mr. Trumbull's resolution to count the vote of Mississippi was then agreed to, and a message was sent to the House announcing the action of the Senate on these objections, and was requested to resume the conference. A message was received announcing the action of the House, and at 3:30 o'clock the Senate again proceeded to the Hall of the House of Representatives.

At 3:30 P. M. the Senate returned to its chamber, and the Vice President submitted the objection made by Mr. Dickey in Joint Convention to the counting of the electoral votes to-day, on the ground that less than a quorum of the electors had filled four vacancies caused by the absence of persons elected.

Mr. CONKLING moved to overrule the objection. Agreed to.

The Vice President submitted the objection raised in Joint Convention by Mr. Trumbull as to the counting of the vote to-day, upon the ground that the certificates of election of the electors were not signed by the Governor of the State.

Mr. CONKLING offered the following:

Resolved, That the electoral vote of Texas be counted, notwithstanding the foregoing objection.

Mr. TRUMBULL offered the following as a substitute for Mr. Conkling's resolution.

Resolved, That no list of names of persons assuming to cast the vote of the State of Texas for President and Vice President have been made, certified and delivered to said persons by the executive authority of said State, nor attached to the list of votes cast, the vote of said State cannot be counted.

Mr. CONKLING raised the point of order that the point was not in order, because it partook of the nature of an argument.

The Senate overruled the objection by a vote of 31 to 28.

Mr. Trumbull's amendment was then rejected ---yeas 24, nays 34---and the original resolution agreed to.

The Senate, at six minutes past five, again proceeded to the hall of the House of Representatives.

At 6:20 P. M. Senate returned to its chamber. The Vice President submitted the objection made by Mr. Rice in the joint convention to the counting of the electoral votes of Arkansas, upon the grounds, first, that the official returns of the election in said State, and made according to the laws of said State, show that the persons certified by the Secretary of State of said State were not elected as Presidential electors; and, second, because the returns read by the tellers are not certified to according to law.

Mr. SHERMAN offered the following:

Resolved, That the electoral votes of Arkansas should be counted.

Mr. EDMUNDS moved to insert the word "not" after the word "should." Agreed to---yeas 28, nays 25.

The resolution so amended was agreed to---yeas 28 nays 24.

The Vice President submitted the objections raised in Joint Convention to counting the electoral vote of Louisiana.

Mr. CARPENTER offered the following:

Resolved, That the electoral votes of the State of Louisiana be not counted.

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN offered the following substitute, which Mr. Carpenter accepted:

Resolved, That the returns presented having been considered, no electoral vote purporting to be that of the State of Louisiana be counted.

Mr. TRUMBULL offered as a substitute a resolution, with a preamble reciting an alleged facts in regard to the Presidential election in Louisiana, and alleging that the returns had been made according to law.

Mr. WEST interrupted the reading of the preamble by raising the point that the substitute was out of order, being in the nature of an argument.

The Vice President submitted the question to the Senate, and the point of order was substained by a vote of 29 to 24.

Mr. TRUMBULL then offered the remainder of his preamble and resolution, from the point at which the Clerk had stopped reading it, as an amendment to Mr. Carpenter's resolution. [Laughter.]

Mr. Trumbull's resolution is as follows:

Resolved, That the votes of electors declared to have been elected as appointed by the Governor of the State are entitled to be counted.

This was rejected---yeas 19, nays 36.

Mr. Carpenter's resolution was then agreed to---yeas 33, nays 16.

Mr. MORTON---I wish to call attention to the fact that the Senate has decided to exclude all the votes of Arkansas by reason of their wanting the Governor's certificate.

Mr. DOOLITTLE rose to debate.

A message was received announcing the action of the House in regard to the electoral votes of Louisiana, and the Senate then (7:30) again proceeded to the hall of the House.

At five minutes past eight the Senate returned to its chamber.

On motion of Mr. SHERMAN a resolution was adopted for the appointment of one of the Senate to join two members appointed by the House to inform the President and Vice President elect of their election, and the Vice President appointed Mr. Sherman as a Committee on the part of the Senate.

The Senate, at 8:10, adjourned.

THE RIVERS.

CINCINNATI, February 12.---Rained from morning till early this afternoon; then snowed at dark; four inches of snow on the ground at nine; cloudy; threatening, but no snow falling; thermometer 30. River 27 feet 6 inches; falling very slowly. Arrived---Alaska, New Orleans; Charmer and Minneola, New Orleans. Departed---Charmer, Evansville; Henry Probasco, Memphis; Thomas Sherlock, New Orleans; Eagerer, Pittsburgh. Five tows with coal passed down. The tow boats, Thomas W. Means, Evan Williams, Kate Waters and Ben Wright went up the river with empty barges. The *Gazette* special to-night reports the Kanawha rising; also that the James Reese went on the docks at Middleport in consequence of injuries from running into the bank at Moundaille.

LOUISVILLE, February 12.---River falling slowly; 11 feet in canal; 9 feet 5 inches over the rocks. But little business on account of the inclement weather. Rained violently all morning; snowed nearly all afternoon; cloudy; turning colder to night; mercury 32. Arrived---Louisville, New Orleans; Alleghenian and barges and Alice Brown and tow, Pittsburgh; Pierrepont and barges, Kanawha. Departed---Louisville, Cincinnati; Alleghenian and barges, Falls, St. Louis. The Sharp, McDonald, Ajax, Dick Fulton No. 3 and Charles Brown left for the South with full tows; Pierrepont, Kanawha.

CAIRO, February 12.---Arrived---Liberty, Pittsburgh, last night at 11 o'clock; Allen Bird, Memphis, noon; St. Joe, St. Louis, 1 P. M.; City of Chester, St. Louis, 3; Potomac, Cincinnati, 4; City of Quincy, St. Louis, 5; Lumsden, Nashville, 5 P. M.; Esperanza, Cincinnati, 6; Belle of Saxonburg, St. Louis. Departed---Liberty, New Orleans, midnight; Bee, St. Louis, 1 P. M.; St. Joe, Hickman, 2; C. V. Countz, New Orleans, 2; Idlewild, Evansville, 5; Potomac, Memphis, 6. River risen 3 feet. Cloudy and cool.

ST. LOUIS, February 12.---Arrived---None. Departed---Henry Ames, New Orleans. Elliott, Memphis; Davage and Babbage, Ohio River. River falling slowly, with about 6¼ feet of water to Cairo. Weather clear and cold; mercury below freezing point all day. The Kansas river is pouring a flood into the Missouri, and gorges in the latter breaking up, the ice will soon be running past this city.

EVANSVILLE, IND., February 12.---Cloudy; rain, sleet and snow; mercury 36 to 32. River risen 18 inches. Down---Tarascon, 7 P. M.; Grey Eagle, 4; Mary Ament, 5. Up---Arkansas river, 8 P. M.; Fontenac Lee, 1 A. M.; Sylvester Thorn, 3 A. M.; Robert Mitchell, 8; Shannon, 9, Fayette, 9; Quickstep, 1 P. M.---generally with good trips. Business restricted by foul weather.

MEMPHIS, February 12.---Cloudy and cold; light fall of snow to-day. River rising rapidly, having risen over two feet since last evening. Arrived---Clarksville, Arkansas River. Departed---Joe Kenney, St. Louis; Pauline Carroll, St. Louis; Andy Baum, Cincinnati; Pat Coleburne, White River.

VICKSBURG, February 12.---Mary Alice and barges, Lady Lee, James Howard and Ashland, Up---Bismarck and City of Cairo. Clear and cool. River falling.

NASHVILLE, February 12.---River rising rapidly; 12 feet on Harpeth shoals. Weather cloudy; heavy rains last night and this morning. Departed---Tyrone, Cairo.

NEW ORLEANS, February 12.---No arrivals. Departed---Mary Forsythe, St. Louis. Clear and pleasant.

New York Constitutional Reform.

ALBANY, N. Y., February 12.---The Constitutional Commission to-day took up the suffrage article and adopted the section providing for challenge at polls for the payment of or accepting a bribe, and for buying or selling votes.

SECOND EDITION.

Four O'Clock.

THE CAPITAL.

Civilized Government for the Indians.

TEMPERANCE IN THE ARMY.

The Unsettled Clause of the Washington Treaty.

CHANGES IN THE ARMY.

New "Rings" in the Horizon.

CREDIT MOBILIER INVESTIGATION.

The Importation of Laborers.

Special Dispatch to the Pittsburgh Gazette.

WASHINGTON, February 12, 1873.

CHANGES IN THE ARMY.

The HOUSE Committee on Military Affairs have agreed to report against the consolidation of the staffs of corps and departments, and of a system of details from the line of a certain number of officers for four years on staff duty. The committee cut off Brigadier General from the head of each corps, and provide for chiefs of artillery, cavalry and infantry, to be on duty by detail in the War Department. In connection with this lengthy and important report, are opinions of distinguished army officers.

COUNTING THE ELECTORAL VOTE.

To-day's counting of the electoral vote was the ninth witnessed and reported by L. A. Gobright, of the Associated Press. In the Senate Mr. Trumbull was very captious while the vote was being counted, and was disposed to dispute the returns as though he thought the Liberal ticket had a chance of success.

COLFAX'S CASE.

The general impression in and out of Congress is that Mr. Colfax has made a weak case.

CIVILIZED GOVERNMENT FOR THE INDIANS.

The Senate Indian Committee have agreed to a new bill establishing a civilized government in the Indian Territory.

THE PACIFIC RAILROAD.

The Pacific Railroad interest question was before the Ways and Means Committee again to-day. Mr. Ashley, of Ohio, again asked the repeal of Mr. Dawes' amendment of 1871.

THE EXPENDITURES OF THE WAR DEPARTMENT ---FORTHCOMING REPORT THEREON.

Hon. William Williams, of Indiana, is preparing a report on the investigation into the expenditures of the War Department, in accordance with the resolution offered by Mr. Davis, of Mass., last session. The investigation has been very thorough, and the report will be quite lengthy. A detailed statement of all the expenditures will be given, and a statement showing the classes that should be continued, and what are unnecessary. All the Bureaus of the War Department have been examined, and a plan to reorganize the workings of the bureaus and consolidate them will be submitted. A full history of the clerical force will be given, stating the number, class, salaries of all, and by whom and when appointed. The working force of the Department in each Bureau is found, can be diminished, and the salaries of some of them will be recommended to be increased. The report will be ready in about ten days.

THE PATENT OFFICE.

The bill for the reorganization of the Patent Office is finished by the House Committee on Patents, and will soon be reported. The proposed change will be of interest to all connected with the patent business, as the bill aims to provide for the settlement of conflicting systems in the administration of the law now in vogue. A Commission is also provided for to review the decisions of the Patent Examiners. The salaries of some of the examiners are increased, but otherwise not much change is made in the working force.

THE REVIVAL OF AMERICAN COMMERCE.

Hon. S. S. Cox, of New York, has again introduced his bill for the revival of American commerce by repealing the law for the purchase under the American flag of foreign built ships, in so far as relates to the vessels employed in foreign trade, and allowing stores to be taken at bond duty free when such stores are to be used on such foreign voyages, and that materials used in the construction and repairs on vessels employed in foreign trade be admitted duty free. Mr. Cox introduces this on account of the failure of Congress to take any action to push his bill to a vote in order to get the sense of the House upon the subject. He will make a speech upon the points in his bill, in which he will take occasion to combat some of the theories and arguments advanced by Mr. Schellabarger upon the question of reviving our commerce.

TEMPERANCE IN THE ARMY.

Gen. Coburn, of Indiana, has taken a practical step to prevent intemperance in the army by endeavoring to secure a law of Congress which shall prohibit the promotion of officers who are addicted to the too free use of intoxicating liquors. It is now before the Military Committee, of which he is Chairman, and therefore an early report to the House is possible. Gen. Coburn has never been known as a radical reformer on this subject, but has introduced it to remedy what he considers the most talked of necessity of temperance among army officers.

NEW RINGS.

Two new rings have recently appeared in the horizon of the National. The San Francisco ring is established to contrive ways and means to force all the trans-continental railroad traffic over what is known as the "Livermore mountain route," between San Francisco, instead of "the short tide line," that it would naturally take if left to an unrestricted choice between the two. The first named ring has charters for 2,000 miles and curves, 185 miles, while "the short tide line" is only 85 miles in length. Those who have no special interest in the controversy claim that the trans-continental commerce of the country should not be forced a hundred miles away from the short line merely to accommodate the San Francisco ring. The Northern Pacific Indian Ring is of still more recent origin. Its chief object appears to be to place obstacles in the way of the construction of the Northern Pacific Railroad. Its motives will be disclosed further on.

THE TAX ON SNUFF---THE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE OPPOSED TO REDUCTION OF TAXES.

The bill to reduce the internal revenue tax on snuff to 20 cents per pound, which has been referred to the Ways and Means Committee, was reported at this late day in the session, not with the hopes of renewing favorable action, but more to get the subject before the attention of Congress, with a view of disposing of it next fall. The bill was prepared by the snuff manufacturers of Philadelphia, who requested Mr. Harmer, of Philadelphia, to offer it, but it has been ascertained that the Ways and Means Committee are against any further reduction of taxes of whatever character at this time.

LAND GRANTS.

The most ingeniously drawn land grant bill which has been introduced in Congress for some time, is that of Senator Alcorn's, of Mississippi. In a long series of whereases it is set forth that large tracts of land in northwestern Alabama are of no account to anybody, and winds up with a resolve that the Government give all this domain for little or nothing to the Elyton, Corinth & Tennessee River Railroad. It is supposed to be very valuable after the Government gives it away.

CLAIMS OF SOUTHERN LOYALISTS---PROPOSED APPOINTMENT OF SUB COMMISSIONERS.

A bill has been introduced in the House by Mr. Snyder, which allows the Southern Claims Commission to appoint, after the 4th of March, a sub-commission to take testimony in any country in the settlement of a claim of a Southern loyalist, which such applicant may desire, to be compensated for such work by the claimant.

THE IMPORTATION OF LABORERS.

The National Labor Congress is strenuously opposed to any introduction into this country of any Chinese laborers or laborers of any other race under contract. The bill before Congress to prevent this suits their ideas exactly, and A. E. Redstone, President of the Labor Congress, is about Congress looking after its passage. The bill is to come up before the House Committee on Education and Labor this week, when the Labor Congress will be well represented and arguments will be advanced, denying the right to parties to enter into contracts with these imported laborers and claiming that they must come to this country as emigrants and stand their chances for work as all emigrants do. The National Labor Congress claim to have secured a majority of the leading men in both Houses on their side.

THE UNSETTLED CLAUSE IN THE WASHINGTON TREATY---CONGRESS INDIFFERENT THEREON.

The bill carrying out the fishery clause under the Washington treaty carries with it little or no anxiety among the majority of Congress. In fact, General Banks fails to get the floor to bring the bill up, solely on account of what appears to be indifference on the part of members to the subject. General Butler's opposition to the bill carries some weight in staving off immediate action. His constituents and himself think the bill does not provide for equal privileges in granting rights. General Butler thinks, and his constituents bear him out in it, it is said, that the bill does not give our fishermen equal rights in proportion to the privileges the Canadians would enjoy to fish in our waters. It is the only clause under the Washington treaty now unsettled, and for the sake of undisturbed relations between Great Britain and the United States, and to put an end to correspondence between the two Governments on a question which has been in conflict for a long time, Congress will probably wake up before the session is over to a realizing sense of the necessity for immediate action, and pass the bill at once.

SECRETARY BOUTWELL AND THE PACIFIC RAILROAD.

Frequent reference has been made by the Credit Mobilier managers and stockholders of what they please to term Boutwell's raid upon the Pacific Railroad. An authorized statement of the Secretary's exact position may not, therefore, be out of place at the present time. At the time the interest question came before Mr. Boutwell, the roads were, as now, doing a prosperous business, and the Secretary decided, not that they must pay the full amount of interest on the subsidy bonds, but that whatever might be due the companies from the Government should be retained as partial payment of that interest, at the same time he not demanding one dollar cash payment. If the road had complied in full to the Secretary's demands, it still would have been in debt to the Government some ten millions of dollars.

PROPOSED MILITARY PRISON.

The House bill providing for the establishment of a military prison at Rock Island, Ill., for the confinement of offenders convicted before any court martial or military commission of the United States, is still pending in the Senate, but Gen. Coburn, of Indiana, its author, is urging its passage.

This is about the only step the National Government can take in the subject of suitable prisons, although the representatives of the National Prison Congress have in their resolutions urged greater steps, and did, while here, make efforts to enlist Congress into giving some aid for the establishment of State prisons.

CREDIT MOBILIER SUSPENSE ACCOUNT NOT CLOSED.

The hundred and twenty-six thousand dollars placed to the Credit Mobilier "SUSPENSE Account" to carry the Dawes resolutions at 6 per cent interest question through Congress in 1871 does not appear to be quite exhausted. Senator Edmunds' amendment, repealing Representative Dawes' provision, meets mysterious obstacles in the House.

The Union Pacific Company, the parent of the Credit Mobilier, appears to be the only subsidized corporation that is making a fight against the payment of interest on its subsidy bonds.

Mr. Huntingdon, Vice President of the Central Pacific Railroad Company, of California, in his letter to Senator Edmunds, frankly accepts that Senator's amendment as a basis of settlement. Other subsidized corporations are silent---except the Union Pacific, which still keeps up the fight, and will doubtless continue so to do until the "Credit Mobilier Suspense Account" is finally closed.

THE ALBEMARLE PRIZE MONEY.

It is understood that the Secretary of the Navy will soon issue an order to pay out the prize money (voted by Congress during the holidays) to those of the destroyers of the rebel ram Albemarle who are so situated as to be able to receive it.

INSPECTING THE OLD HULKS.

The Joint Committees on Public Buildings and Grounds visited the Executive Mansion yesterday for the purpose of inspecting that building so as to enable their report to Congress in accordance with the existing facts on the bill providing for the erection of a new Presidential Mansion. The committee appeared to be so highly pleased as to feel that they could not, just then, give an expression concerning it if equal to the occasion. DIAMOND.

[By Associated Press.]

WASHINGTON, February 12, 1873.

CREDIT MOBILIER INVESTIGATION.

The Wilson Special Credit Mobilier Committee met this morning, and Hon. O. J. Dickey, of Pennsylvania, one of the executors of the late Thaddeus Stevens, appeared, and said he had learned there had been some testimony before the committee reflecting upon Hon. Thaddeus Stevens, deceased. Witness was his law partner from 1846 to 1857. The law practice of Stevens yielded him from $8,500 to $17,500 per annum. Witness had examined the bank account of Stevens carefully from 1861 up to the time of his death, and found no deposit of $80,000; there was no deposit exceeding $10,000 with a single exception, and that was the result of a mortgage he put upon some of his property in Franklin county; there was no cash deposit "not the result of discount or money of clients" exceeding $7,280; Stevens was the owner of large tracts of land in Pennsylvania known as the "Caledonia and Marti Furnace Property," most of which he acquired prior to 1857. He also owned land in Luzerne and Wyoming counties. Witness produced an inventory of the personal estate of Mr. Stevens, amounting to $48,616, against which the executors have paid $20,000 special legacies and debts, and there is an item in litigation now of $30,000. The newspaper rumor that Stevens sold the Caledonia property for $80,000 in Union Pacific Railroad bonds was without authority. Stevens always asked $160,000 for the property before it was burned by rebels, and the executors are now negotiating for the sale of it for $130,000. There was nothing in the books or papers of Stevens indicating that he ever held bonds or stocks of the Union Pacific Railroad. The only bonds were some Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad bonds, which he received from John T. Cowan, for the sale of two tracts of land in Luzerne county, which land was subsequently taken back by the executors, as there was some dispute about the title. There were $14,600 realized out of bonds, but their par value was $24,000. Witness never withheld or delayed the inventory of Stevens' personal estate for the purpose of concealing any fact which, if true in history, truthfully made, would disclose, from the knowledge of the public, and had no objection to the public knowing all about Stevens' affairs. Witness expressed a willingness to produce the papers of the deceased for the information of the committee. Stevens was worth less at the day of his death than he was in 1832.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES.

For the Middle States, brisk and high northerly to easterly winds, with rain over the southern portion and snow over the northern, winds backing to northerly and westerly from Lake Erie to Southern New Jersey and southward to Virginia during Thursday, with clearing weather, and over New York and thence to Connecticut and Northern New Jersey during Thursday evening.

The Constitutional Convention.

MEMORIAL FOR ABOLISHMENT OF THE DEATH PENALTY.

Printing the Debates of the Convention.

SUFFRAGE, ELECTION AND REPRESENTATION.

PHILADELPHIA, February 11, 1873.

There was a larger number of persons in attendance than for several days past.

INTOXICATING LIQUORS.

A number of petitions were presented from different parts

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1873.

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GOLD closed in New York yesterday at 114@114¼.

THE Beaver county people have petitioned Congress against allowing the location of Chinese among them. Unfortunately for the petitioners, Congress has nothing to do with it.

OUR latest information from France is to the effect that a coalition has been formed, composed of all sections of the party of the Left, who have notified President Thiers of their determination to support him in the present crisis, and it is now believed that a satisfactory compromise will finally be effected between Thiers and the Committee of Thirty.

THE Secretary of the Treasury has directed that the coupons of the two-year notes of 1863, which may hereafter be presented detached from the notes, in violation of the notice on said coupons that "this coupon is void if detached from this note, except by an authorized officer of the Government," shall be paid the same as if the notes and coupons had been presented together.

WE have received from Mr. Ballantine several legislative bills, the most important of which is that to protect miners of bituminous coal. It gives miners the power to summarily collect wages, if not paid for three months, and to have in their employ for each mine a check weighman, to determine whether the coal is fairly weighed. This bill covers points in regard to which much ill-feeling has been felt for a time.

THE New York *Herald* appoints Ben. Butler as its agent, to punish the guilty Credit Mobiliers. Unfortunately the renowned member from Lynn is not in a position to do much punishing. He has his increase of salary bill on hand, and the Credit Mobiliers are against it. This called out from Butler, the other day, the remark that Garfield is very independent over the increase, because of his recent "dividends." So some one else must be selected to do the punishing.

THE annual report of the Department of Public Parks in New York, for 1872, just published, shows that during the year the appropriations amounted to $971,616, and the expenditures to $897,490, leaving a balance of $74,181. The Central Park, to January, 1872, cost $12,448,633. In 1871 over ten million persons, or thirty thousand persons daily, visited the park, while on some Sundays as many as one hundred thousand persons have enjoyed its benefits. The Central Park Police, in 1871, cost $148,014.

THE arrangements for the funeral of Governor Geary, to-day, are such as to reflect great credit on Governor Hartranft, the Legislature, and all interested. Special pains have been taken to show every mark of respect to the remains, and the funeral will no doubt be large and imposing. The many excellent traits of character possessed by Governor Geary, come out in strong light as death leads to the forgetfulness of any weaknesses he may have possessed. The result of the medical examination shows him to have died without pain, but inspires the inquiry whether death from syncope is so sudden as was his. May there not have been a seeming suspension of life, from which recovery was possible? The absolute and sudden stoppage of life, in such a manner, seems very unusual. It seems like paralysis, sudden and complete, and that overcomes all the functions at one fell stroke.

A SEMI-OFFICIAL Berlin journal, which has recently been quoted by the press in the United States, asserts that this Government is responsible for the failure of the negotiations begun several years ago for the protection of emigrants while on the voyage to America. Now the facts are, that the project of a Convention between the United States and the North German Union, which was intended to remove all this difficulty, was never carried out, because of the uncertainty under the laws whether the matter was in such a shape as to be embraced in a treaty. It is in the form of a bill, and therefore must pass the legislative branches of both nations to become effective. Baron Gerolt, the former Russian Minister, took great interest in the project, but upon the change in the Ministry, the subject has been allowed to rest. The present Minister never brought the question before the Secretary of State in an official capacity.

DESPITE the conflict that appears in the testimony of Ames and Colfax, relative to the latter's connection with the Credit Mobilier, we prefer to accept the statements of the latter, as being the most succinct and credible. There is really not so much conflict in the testimony as we imagined there would be. Ames admits, and the Clerk of the Sergeant-at-Arms asserts, that the "C. C." check for $1,200 was paid to Ames. It then becomes a question whether the latter paid Colfax the money he received for the check. The latter says he did not, and explains the deposit of $1,200 by showing that he received $1,000 of the money from Nesbit, in a letter, and $200 from his father-in-law, Matthews. He admits, however, having bought and paid for some Credit Mobilier stock, but claims that he gave it up, long since, losing $500 in the speculation. Any and all payments of money to him, on this account, by Ames, he totally denies. His statements are certainly circumstantial and direct.

THE TAX LAWS.

The movement in behalf of the repeal of the tax laws affecting industrial corporations, at last promises to take form and shape. The GAZETTE has urged the repeal of these laws, in several articles, since Governor Geary pointed out their injustice in his last message to the Legislature. These taxes are of a kind with the income tax,—only admissible under extraordinary circumstances. It seems amazing that need exists for the mention of the fact, that it is the duty of a State or Government to foster, rather than oppress the industries that may be developed in her midst. To-day we have the United States Government aiding our industries by means of her tariff laws, while the great State of Pennsylvania burdens those very industries with onerous taxes. Yet the latter is more interested in the development of those industries than is the general Government. This is one of the cases that require no argument, the truth is so clear and palpable.

We are pleased to notice that our suggestions on this subject are about to be acted on. There will be meeting at the Iron Association Rooms, 83 Fourth avenue, on Tuesday next, at 3 P. M., to consider the subject, and to take proper measures for bringing it to the attention of the Legislature. We assure our friends that there will be need for a large attendance, and for earnest measures. There ought to be a strong and influential committee appointed to go to Harrisburg, and urge the repeal of these unjust laws on the attention of the Legislature. It will not do to depend on the voluntary action of the State officials. While it is true that Governor Hartranft referred to the subject in his inaugural, it is also true that it has been intimated that owing to the cost of the Constitutional Convention, and other extraordinary expenses, the State cannot afford to remit any of its revenues. The tax ought to be repealed, and can be if the proper effort is made; but this needs to be done.

THE SPANISH REPUBLIC.

The various telegrams from Madrid, summarized, indicate considerable success on the part of the Carlist insurrectionists, the abdication of King Amadeus, and the adoption of a Republican form of government by a decided vote of the Cortes. We judge that Castellar and other Republicans of kindred faith are the leading characters in the new movement, despite the fact that the old ministry retain power for the time. Should this prove true, the new Republic will be the most progressive to be found in Europe. The French Government, under Thiers, has a large amount of monarchial leaven in it, while the Swiss may be called a Cantonal government—that is, each of the cantons into which the country is divided, is independent, some being Republican, others retaining much of the old Monarchical style. There is an utter lack of homogenity, as regards the form of government, among the several cantons. But Castellar and his compeers are radical Republicans, possibly too rigid for a country so long under Bourbon rule. Yet who may tell what are the possibilities when men of nerve, of keen forecast and great popularity are at the head of affairs?

King Amadeus has been particularly unfortunate, from the day of his acceptance of the Spanish crown. He arrived in Spain to find his chief supporter, General Prim, assassinated. The gloom of death gathered around him at the very outset. Had Prim lived, his popularity, military skill and masterly energy would have gone far toward giving permanency to the reign of Amadeus. There were none else in sympathy with the monarchy who could be depended on in an emergency. Serrano and Topete were chiefly courtiers, well enough as subordinates, but not equal to the demands of leadership. The King labored under the disadvantage of not being a Spaniard, and while personally amiable and disposed to give the people a good government, he lacks the rugged energy necessary in so troubled a country as Spain proved to be. There were elements of weakness in his position, too, which he could not possibly overcome. The revolution which dethroned Isabella was understood to be in the interest of a republic, and the best talent of the country was disaffected when the kingdom was set up. This opposition did not assume the form of active hostility, but was parliamentary and rhetorical. The Republicans formed the great body of the moderate opponents of the Ministry in the Cortes. Yet they were careful and prudent. Lovers of their country, they were careful to discriminate between blind hostility to all government measures, and reasonable opposition to such as were peculiarly monarchical. The sympathizers with Don Carlos comprised the rabid, unreasonable element in the legislative body. There was a comparatively kindly feeling toward Amadeus, personally, on the part of Republicans, but they were opposed to the form of government, and hence were an element of weakness in it.

Doubtless the perpetual insurrections gotten up by Don Carlos, were what finally led to the abdication. Of late, the forces of the insurrectionists have achieved considerable success, at various points, and while, under proper leadership, their suppression ought to have been easy, they were but feebly met, and grew in strength. It seems entirely probable that the young King came to Madrid in the belief that he was really desired by the Spanish people, and could administer the affairs of the kingdom without difficulty. He has been perpetually reminded of his error, and has finally yielded, as much because of moral influences, as of the Carlist insurrection. He has done wisely. He is not the man to govern Spain these stormy times. Nor do we think his competitor, Don Carlos, will reap any benefit from his abdication. The Cortes, by a very large majority, has decreed a Republic, and it now remains to be seen whether the Republican leaders have the nerve and ability demanded by the crisis now upon them. Two things may be promised, however, in their favor. They have popular strength with the people, and are clear and thorough in their comprehension of the abstract qualities of a republic. Whether they will be equal to the practical administration of the Government, is the question.

Senor Castellar is, perhaps, the leader of the Republicans. He has lately contributed a series of articles to *Harper's Monthly* on the Republican movement in Europe, and these afford us some insight into his qualities as a man, a thinker and a politician. His speeches, delivered in the Cortes, have been occasionally reported in the New York *Tribune*. Judging from these sources, we assume that he is thoroughly sincere in his devotion to the Republican cause, clear in his views, firm in his opinions, and qualified to prudently administer the government, or to fill the place of Premier. His knowledge of the efforts in behalf of Republicanism, throughout Europe, is both comprehensive and exact, and his sympathy with such men as Kossuth, Mazzini, Garibaldi and others is unhesitatingly announced. Yet he is not blind to their faults and mistakes. He seems to realize the importance of educating popular sentiment, and of not being too far in advance of it, in governmental matters. We refer to Castellar as a type of advanced Spanish Republicans. We do not say the day has come for men like him, but the time cannot be far distant when, if a real Republic is to live in Spain, it will be represented by men of his class. In the meantime we welcome the change, if by it, sound governments are established, wherein the people shall be recognized and represented. Spain has long been in the background among the governments; she may yet be a "light in a dark place."

BETTER PROTECTION OF GROCERS.

To the Editors of the Pittsburgh Gazette:

In the report of the legislative proceedings at Harrisburg, in your issue of February 7, 1873, I noticed the following in regard to the bill entitled "an act for the better protection of grocers." "The principle is a bad one, and it will hardly pass. Many grocers oppose it on the ground that it is solely in the interest of those who tempt the working men to buy goods on credit, and who seek to collect their bad debts by this summary proceeding."

Now, it strikes me as being very strange that these "many grocers" are so very anxious to keep this particular temptation out of the way of working people. Manifestly this opposition is prompted by self interest, for the cash dealer naturally would be found in opposition to any measure that is calculated to bring security to the credit system. When bills have been presented in our Legislature for the legalization of real temptations to the working classes as well as others in the shape of those doors of hell that stand wide open all over our land, and are the cause, more than all things else combined, of sending weeping and sorrow, poverty and starvation, to many a prosperous and happy home, we heard not from these "many grocers" the sympathetic cry of remonstrance, "The principle is a bad one, and it will hardly pass."

The credit system, to be sure, has its drawbacks, which in many cases operate against the buyer as well as the seller, but when a man gets into a tight place, and has no money, what is he to do but go upon credit? And it is paying a poor compliment to the bone and sinew of all our industries to say that they are tempted in this way. Every honorable working man will repudiate such an idea with scorn. Because the crediting grocery and provision storekeeper desires a law for their protection, it by no means argues that they have lost confidence in the working people; but it does argue that among this class of persons, as well as every other class, there are a few rogues who will not pay their bills, but shield themselves under the three hundred dollar exemption law. Now if these men were compelled to pay, then the man who sells on credit could do so at as low rates as the man who sells for cash, so that a store doing a credit business would have an advantage over one doing a cash business. You ask in what way? Well, simply because very few men have money at all times to just lay down for what they need. Credit is a bridge which carries a man very often over a chasm or stream of misfortune. Such a self-evident truth requires no argument to sustain it, and it would be hard to entirely deprive a man who is in possession of less than three hundred dollars worth of this world's goods, of the benefits of the credit system; and the better security he is able to give the more likely will he be to get trust when it is necessary for him to do so.

When a man works for a company that keeps a "company store," it is very rarely that he gets off without paying his store bill at the company store, because it is kept out of his wages, and the company will not trust him only on the security of the wages in prospect; but where there is no company store, the man who wants credit must ask it of some one else, and why not give as good security in this case as in the other? In the one case the employer has the wages in his possession, and he keeps the store bill out of it regardless of any other use the man may have for the money; but in the other case the man gets his money, and his personal honesty is all the security the store-keeper has for his bill, which is straw-bail in many cases. Then comes the real temptation. Wife wants a new something or another, and we will get it, and let the store-keeper wait. "If he don't like it, let him lump it." He can't better himself anyhow. Or if he is addicted to drink, the tavern-keeper will be paid first, for fear his grog will be stopped on him. Such cases occur very often, and are the direct result of a feeling of irresponsibility, where, if such a man knew that if he did not pay at one time, his next wages could be attached, it would make him very careful, and perhaps engender in him habits of temperance and economy. If there are any fears of doing injustice to a poor man by this law, it should contain a clause that would save him from such injustice, and at the same time compel him to pay for what he and his family eat, where he is able to do so, but not willing.

Respectfully, S. D.

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

THE Canadian Parliament meets at Ottawa on the 5th of March.

THE British East Indian possessions have a population of 241,287,000.

THE imports of Montreal have increased from $19,600,000 in 1863 to over $45,500,000 last year.

A TEETOTAL orator in Dubuque, Iowa, announces that there are more than 1,000 confirmed drunkards under twelve years of age in that city.

HOMŒOPATHY was introduced into Pennsylvania forty-four years ago, and there are now 435 physicians of that school practicing in the State.

THE antithesis of him who "died of a rose in aromatic pain" is furnished in the case of a Colorado youth who recently deceased from the bite of a skunk.

A WOMAN in Dubuque, Iowa, was killed last week by a mad cow. A young girl was also tossed in the air, and her clothes torn from her by the infuriated beast.

ENTERPRISING New York saloon-keepers are organizing their dens into "colleges," so as to get the drawback on whisky used for "scientific purposes," under the bill just passed in the House.

THE investigation ordered by Governor Dix as to the insanity of Gaffney, the Buffalo wife-murderer, has resulted in a report that he is feigning insanity. He is to be hanged to-morrow, (Friday).

THE lady sophomores of Ann Arbor, Mich., haze the freshmen terribly. One young fellow was badly injured recently, by being tripped up by one of the playful damsels as he was passing through a dark hall.

SOUTH BEND, IND., claims 150 industrial establishments, employing 2,100 workmen, and turning out an annual product of $5,000,000, or $500 to each inhabitant of the town. Its building is erected in 1872 cost $1,300,000.

THE Macon (Ga.) *Telegraph* concludes that "the whites of the Southern States must gradually settle the so-called "labor question, by going to work themselves, and they are now getting into that wholesome way very fast."

THE convict who was missing from Sing Sing prison was discovered on Saturday afternoon hidden under the floor of the keepers' mess-room. He had food for several days with him at the time of his discovery, and was supplied with several extra pairs of pants.

A DISTINGUISHED clergyman in Boston performed the marriage ceremony, and the couple walked out without bestowing any fee. But the bride turned and said, "We are very much obliged to you sir; and I hope one of these days we shall be able to retaliate."

A CONDUCTOR on a Michigan railroad was bitten in the hand three weeks ago by a man whom he was putting off the train for refusing to pay his fare. In a few days the hand began to swell, and he was compelled to take to his bed, and will probably lose his arm.

THREE ladies—Miss Mary Saul, Mrs. Wilkins and Mrs. Straub—died at Chillicothe, Ohio, on Tuesday last, all of heart disease, the attack in neither case continuing beyond thirty minutes from the time of the first attack. All three parties had been in good health up to the time of the attack.

THE transportation of crude petroleum, and particularly of the lighter portion of it, such as benzine, gasoline, &c., is attended by heavy loss from evaporation, in ordinary packages, and a substitute for barrels has long been looked for by the trade. It is now proposed to made barrels of glass, sufficiently thick to stand transportation.

THE New York *World* says there will be no material changes in the rents of dwelling-houses for the coming year. There is a large demand for cheap houses, which cannot be found in New York city, so that it is likely that the population of New Jersey, Long Island, and Westchester county will be increased by New Yorkers actuated to move by a spirit of economy.

OHIO cannot be said to be a pleasant place for left-handed people. An old hermit was recently murdered, as it was proven, by a left-handed person, and the officers went out and "collared" the first left-handed man they met as the murderer. Singular to relate, however, it turned out they had the right man by his own confession.

THE boldness with which kidnapping for service on vessels is carried on in San Francisco is highly illustrated by the fact that a lawyer of that city, while walking on the wharf, was seized and cast into the forecastle of a ship bound for Cork. His demand to be put ashore was treated with derision, and he was told that the ship had paid sixty dollars bounty for him.

THE Salem witchcraft has revived in Sullivan, Me., where a father, mother and four children have been frantic for some four weeks over the supposition that their house is infested with witches, whom they declare to be some of their neighbors. To exorcise the evil spirits, they have broken up nearly all the furniture and dishes, and vary the exercise by shooting at imagined devils in the apple trees near the house.

THE four young lady students who were admitted to the Freshman Class of the Middletown University last Fall have taken high rank in their studies. One of them is the second scholar in her class. When they were admitted there was a great hue and cry of opposition among the students, who were nearly all bound to persecute them out of the college; but this has all died out, and now the students, as well as the Faculty, are in favor of co-education.

THE Missouri *Republican* learns from an authentic source that York "fixed himself" for that interview with Pemeroy. He emptied his pockets in presence of witnesses just before entering Pomeroy's room, and immediately on leaving the room he handed over the "second installment"—$5,000—to the same witnesses. The work was carefully "set up" by two or three astute lawyers, who knew just what would be necetsary to make out a criminal case against Pomeroy, and also to clear York of the slightest taint of suspicion.

RUSSIA has made her financial statement, showing an excess of revenue over disbursements, something very unusual in that country, whereat it is argued that she is preparing for a loan, to further her Asiatic conquests. Of course, English journals are exceedingly bitter over this, and point to the impregnable financial strength of the "tight little isle" with fingers of meaning. An extract from this showing is worthy of notice. It is as follows: "Notwithstanding the bad crops of 1872, it was a year of unprecedent prosperity. This may be shown from the revenue, from bank dividends and from the general movement of stocks, and from loans. In 1871 the value of imports was £300,754,359; in 1872, £353,375,740. In 1871 the value of exports was £323,066,162; in 1872, £255,961,609. The total of 1870 was £502,000,000; of 1871, £553,000,000; of 1872, £608,000,000. The increase in 1871 was rather more than 10 per cent. over that 1870, and of 1872 rather less than 10 per cent. over that of the preceding year. In some articles of the trade the figures are almost fabulous. In 1871 there were exported of cotton piece goods 3,417,000,000 yards; in 1862, 3,535,000,000 yards. Foreign customers are supplied with British goods to the amount of £5,000,000, or $25,000,000, per week. This gigantic trade is carried on by vessels having a gross tonnage 17,000,000, of which 12,141,269 are the property of British owners."

FARM, GARDEN AND HOUSEHOLD.

Treatment of Night's Milk.

"What effect has removing the cream from the night's milk upon the quality and quantity of cheese made?" was discussed by the Jeff. Co., N. Y., Farmers' Club, at its meeting, Jan. 6th, eliciting the following facts: One pound of butter can be made from the cream of 100 pounds of milk set over night; that after making butter from the cream taken from the night's milk, it required 9½ pounds of milk to make 1 pound of cheese; that if the cream once separates from the milk, it passes through chemical changes that render its absorption by the caseine, excepting through cohesion, impossible; that in a majority of cases where the cream is returned to the milk, it became melted in cooking and passed off with the whey in oil; that if the milk is kept in motion by an agitator, or other means, to prevent the cream from separating from the milk, there is danger of churning, and thus losing the oil. Where cheese is made from milk thus treated, viz.: the cream from the night's proportion made into butter, it should not be cooked as high and should remain in the whey longer. If properly made, there is no perceptible difference between this cheese and that in which the cream has been returned. Query:—If the oil is retained by the caseine by cohesion, is it not liable to become rancid and cause the cheese to be "off flavor?"—*Moore's Rural New Yorker.*

Wooden Collars.

Wooden collars are older than the discovery of America, but have, nevertheless, never attained popularity; but a correspondent of the Maryland *Farmer* makes suggestions and gives facts that may be of interest to our readers. They are as follows:

1. The present huge collar chokes the horse in the summer, and chills him through the lungs in winter.

2. A collar made of white basswood or other light, tough wood, would never heat, gall, or chill a horse.

3. Experience has demonstrated that a hard wooden surface, polished and kept clean, is the safest, coolest, best and healthiest collar ever used.

4. They will only weigh one-third as much as ordinary collars, and unite hames and collar in one. No rough surfaces are worked up; no sweat is absorbed to cook a scald; fresh air passes around the collar, evaporating the moisture and keeping the skin dry; the hair is not chafed and fretted, and the horse's health is freed from the incumbrances of collar disease. As illustrations of the superior quality of a hard, non-absorbent surface on a horse's shoulders, he presents the following instances: During the war, it was found necessary to remove an equipment factory in the South, 500 miles. The number of collars for the teams employed was insufficient by forty, which number was made of wood, polished and tied on by ropes through each end. At the end of the tiresome journey, all the horses and mules that used the ordinary collars were severely galled—nearly ruined, and for a long time remained unfit for service; whilst those that wore the wooden collars were ungalled and ready for use, as usual. Several planters, also, being unable to procure collars during the war, made them of wood, and conducted their business with success, and comfort to their mules and horses.

5. The ox-bow and yoke are proof to the point. Ox bows are in common use.

6. Hard rubber has found a place in horse collars.

Insects.

As the sun's heat increases from week to week, and the ground thaws during the middle of the day, the canker-worms will ascend the trees and deposit their eggs for the brood of caterpillars to be hatched next June. It is not too early now to take precautions to prevent their ascent. The numerous contrivances, patented and otherwise, all have some good quality to recommend them to the orchardist, but the simplest and cheapest is a band of tarred paper, or printer's ink applied as directed in an article on page 63. Tent-Caterpillars' eggs can be easily seen and removed by a long-handled pruning-shears, and the eggs burnt. Their destruction is much easier now than when the eggs have hatched and the caterpillars built their nests later in the spring. Lately we received specimens of a small beetle, known as the Apple-twig Borer, from Kentucky. These insects, though very numerous west of the Alleghenies, do but very little injury to large orchard trees. They are most injurious to nursery stock, the small branches of which they penetrate, causing the twigs to wither and the leaves to turn brown. The only remedy is to cut off all infested twigs, and burn them.—*American Agriculturist.*

Mulberries.

Mulberries seem to have nearly gone out of fashion. Perhaps the perfect failure of the Multicaulis speculation disgusted people with everything that bore the name of Mulberry. At all events, we see trees much less frequently now than formerly. The Persian, or, as it is more generally called, the English, is a fine flavored fruit, and is worth growing wherever the climate will allow. Downing's Everbearing is a seedling of the Multicaulis, and remains a long time in bearing, although it does not give a very large amount of fruit at once. The fruit is much esteemed by many for cooking. Hick's Everbearing is a Kentucky seedling, and though a better bearer than the Downing, its fruit is inferior to that in quality. This tree is valued at the South for planting in poultry yards. It is a rapid grower, spreads widely, and makes a dense shade, while its abundant fruit furnishes food to the fowls. A new variety is mentioned in the French journals, which originated in Hungary, and is called *Morus alba Fegyerneksiana*. Though the name is long, the tree is not, as it grows only about six feet high, and is spoken of as a dwarf of remarkable beauty.—*Agriculturist.*

Orchard Trees.

Scraping the dead bark from orchard trees will add much to their good appearance, and induce a healthy growth the coming summer. A small triangular plate of steel attached to a handle two or three feet long is the best implement. Any village blacksmith can easily make one which will answer quite as well as those sold at the stores. Trees from which branches have been broken off by storms or ice should have the wound cut smooth, and a coat of shellac varnish or melting grafting wax applied to their surfaces, to prevent decay from moisture. If new orchards are to be planted, the trees should be obtained as soon as possible. Due regard of course must be had in the selection of varieties, using only those which are known to be good and abundant bearers. Select also with reference to having a succession from the earliest to the latest, if intended for family use.—*Agriculturist.*

Beans and Vinegar.

A Meadville correspondent of *Moore's Rural New Yorker* says: The principal requisites to form good vinegar are 1st, contact with the air; second, a temperature not exceeding 77 degs. of Fahrenheit; 3d, the addition of some extraneous vegetable matter to promote the acetous fermentation, and 4th, the presence of alcohol. Now beans contain a very acteous vegetable matter. Take boiled beans in warm weather, how quick they get sour! This will show you that it contains acid. Now beans put into cider will soon start this acetous action and cause the cider to turn sour. Put about 4 lbs. of the best brown sugar in a barrel of cider in addition to the beans and it will get sour much faster, and keep the cider warm to cause it to work. Beans are used because they are clean, and will not destroy the flavor of the vinegar like other vegetable matter.

Purifying a Room with a Pitcher of Water.

It having been stated that the foul air in a room may be absorbed by a pitcher of cold water standing in it, the editor of the *Scientific American* says: "It would be dangerous for any one to close a room and rely upon a pitcher of water to purify the air. * * * Good ventilation is the best remedy for foul air in a room." The fact that water in a room becomes foul does not prove that the air is purified by it, by any means.

STATE NEWS.

THE Fairview *Reporter* says there is a couple living in Cranberry township who now, in the eleventh year of their married life, are the happy father and mother of twelve children.

ON Wednesday afternoon a boy named Pulaski Reese undertook to get on the train at Dunnings. He slipped and fell under one of the cars, and was so severely injured that he died.

MISS SARAH BOONE, an aged lady residing with Francis Lee, of Amity township, Berks county, dropped dead on Tuesday last while passing from one neighbor's house to another. It is supposed that her sudden decease resulted from heart affection. Miss Boone was at one time a noted school mistress, having taught school for many years, in her younger days, in the townships of Amity, Oley and Exeter.

PERSONAL.

THE late James P. Hackin, of Syracuse, leaves an estate of $2,000,000.

DAN RICE is "all right" again, and will take the road in the spring on another farewell tour.

AN eastern clergyman has got himself into trouble by marrying a boy of seventeen to a very improper young woman.

JAMES FISK JR., is announced as a regular post-humous contributor to a spiritualistic periodical published in Boston.

LANCASTER HODGES, born in Danvers, Mass., of slave parents, is now living near Fryeburg, Maine, in the 103d year of his age.

DR. SCHLIEMAN professes to have found live toads, three thousand years old, quietly snoozing, fifty-three feet beneath the ruins of ancient Troy.

MESSRS. James W. Mason, and C. Adams, and Mrs. Ihmsen, Mrs. Annie Ihmsen, Miss Flood and Miss E. Brown, all of Pittsburgh, were registered at the hotels in Philadelphia, on Tuesday.

THE death is announced of Gilbert W. Pell, an Ethiopian serenader, known as "the original Bones." He was a native of New York, and aged forty-two years. His grave is at St. Helen's, Lancashire, England.

IT IS announced in England, as his own statement, that the late Emperor Napoleon was born in the Rue Ceruti (Lafitte.) As all the obituary sketches of him say that he was born in the Tuileries, the correction has some historical importance.

LIEUTENANT LULLIER, the Communist, who is now on his way to the convict settlement of New Caledonia, used to be a renowned duellist. Even M. Paul de Cassagnac was deterred by his reputation from accepting a challenge from him.

ACCORDING to advices from St. Petersburg, Count Schouvaloff's mission to England is asserted to be the negotiation of a matrimonial alliance between one of the royal princes and the Grand Duchess Maria Alexandrovna, the only daughter of the Czar.

THE Arizona Territorial Legislature has passed a bill divorcing the Governor from his wife. The Governess had already sued for a divorce from her husband, and the case, we believe, is before the courts. The Governor, or the Legislature, or some body, is accused of indecent haste in the business.

IT is rumored in Quebec that Mr. Quinet will be Premier of the Quebec Cabinet instead of Mr. Chauveau; that Solicitor-General Irvine will become Attorney-General; that Mr. Chapleau will be appointed Solicitor-General, and that Dr. Fortan will become Commissioner of Crown Lands.

DR. BLAKE, of the San Francisco Academy of Sciences, and Judge Hastings, of the California State Geological Survey, announce the discovery of a current of electricity running north and south at a distance of about 150 miles from the Pacific coast, along a belt of metallic deposits, which serves as a conducting chain between the poles.

PROFESSOR TYNDALL says he greatly regrets his inability to accept invitations from the great cities of the West, but the weight of the instrumental appliances of his lectures, and the fact that every lecture requires two days' possession of the hall—a day of preparation and a day of delivery—entailed heavy loss of time, and often very severe labor.

FERDINAND, the titular King of Spain, widower of the late Queen Maria da Gloria, and father of the reigning monarch, is married morganatically but legitimately, to Eliza Hensler, born of poor German parents in Boston. She was an opera singer, and the old monarch was charmed with her appearance on the stage. The union is said to be happy, much more so than that of his son with Victor Emmanual's daughter.

COMMODORE JAMES W. SHIRK, United States Navy, a brave and faithful officer, died recently in Washington, at the age of forty-one. The deceased was a native of Pennsylvania, and a graduate of the Naval Academy. During the war of the rebellion he was engaged in active service, mainly on the Mississippi and other Southern rivers. He was commissioned Lieutenant Commander July 16, 1862, and commanded the iron-clad Tuscumbia and a division of the Mississippi squadron of 1863 and 1864. He was detailed to the Navy Yard at Philadelphia, and was commissioned Commander July 25, 1866. He served in the Franklin, of the European squadron, in 1867–68, and was assigned to special duty at the War Department in 1869, where he continued until his death.

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DAILY GAZETTE.

FINANCE AND TRADE.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, }
PITTSBURGH, February 12, 1873. }

We called attention a few days ago to the burdensome taxation which is now imposed upon our national banks, showing that in 1870 the taxes collected from them amounted to 4¾ per cent. on the capital then invested. The surest way to crush out our industries is to tax them out of existence; and so, too, if we desire to deprive ourselves of the benefits to be derived from our banking institutions all would is to tax them yet more heavily. But it will be said, the banks are all making money. True, but the fact that they do make money under such heavy burdens, shows that the community is willing to pay liberally for the benefit of their services. But, even if they do make money, it is not right that the Government should lay hold of so large a share of their earnings and thus impose additional burdens upon the business community. But, in reality, banks are not making as much as they are popularly supposed to make; indeed they make no more than is made by the ordinary investment of capital in other directions. Hence, we urge the removal of the large part of these burdens, so that more capital will be attracted to banking, and the wants of our business men be thus better accommodated.

The question of most in erest just now in financial circles is the success of the operations of the syndicate. The representatives of the syndicate in New York have issued the following circular:

The representatives of the syndicate here are not at liberty to make public the amount of subscriptions and allotments here and in Europe. It is sufficient to say that the amount of cash subscriptions exceeds the amount of the call for $100,000,000 of five-twenty bonds, and that large amounts are subscribed in Europe in exchange for five-twenties as well as in the United States, where the bank subscriptions are mailed exchanges of their circulation securities. It was deemed expedient by the syndicate to introduce at one time the entire $300,000,000 upon the stock of exchanges of London and the Continent, as if only $100,000,000, for which bids were advertised for subscription no further amount than that could be issued and sold without a further formal introduction of the additional amount under the terms of their contract with the Treasury Department. The syndicate have until December 1st next to dispose of any balance of the loan which may now remain unsold. The settlement of the cash subscriptions between the syndicate and the Treasury will be made as before, almost exclusively in called five-twenty bonds, so that no disturbance whatever of the exchanges will be involved. The gold market will only be affected by the disbursements here upon the first call of about $10,000,000 in redemption of the registered bonds included in the call, which are nearly all held in the United States.

Gold opened at 114¾ and closed at the same figure, being very steady all day. The want of complete success is the syndicate operations, has tended to strengthen the price of gold.

Our attention is called to the fact that in compiling the insurance statement published on Tuesday, we overlooked the item of $8,000 dividends paid by the National Insurance Company. This correction shows the dividends to be 17.31 per cent. of the income; and the amount of income carried to surplus 18.95 per c nt., in place of 36.26 per cent., as before reported.

In the New York stock market the battle between the bulls and bears still continues. Pacific Mail advanced 1 per cent., while the balance of the list generally declined—especially Erie, which declined to 63, a decline of 2¾ per cent. We shall not be surprised to see a heavy decline in all stocks soon.

Luther S. Kauffman, stock and note broker, No. 116 Smithfield street, furnishes the following quotations of bonds and stocks from his latest advices by telegraph:

	Opening.	Closing.
Gold	114¾	114¾
U. S. Sixes—1881	117¾	117
" coupons	118¼	118¼
5-20—1867	115¾	115¾
5-20—1868	115¼	115¾
" 1865	114¾	114¾
" 1865 new	114¾	116¾
" 1867	116¼	116¾
" 1868—coupons	116¾	116¾
10-40s	114¾	114¾
10-40s—coupons	115¼	114¾
Currency 6's	123½	123½
New 5 per cents		
RAILWAYS.		
New York Central	103¾	103¾
Erie	63¾	63
H. H. & E.	9¾	9¾
C. & A. C.	41¾	41¾
Canton	100	
St. Paul	52¾	52¾
Do. preferred	74¾	74¾
Michigan Southern	96	96
Do. Central	108	108
Cleveland & Pittsburgh	90¾	90¾
Rock Island	112¾	112¾
Do. preferred	119	119¼
Pacific Mail	73¾	74¾
Atlantic Mail	5¾	5¾
Western Union Telegraph	87¼	87¾
Ohio & Mississippi	40¾	40¾
Union Pacific	33¾	33¾
Toledo & Wabash	71¾	72
Fort Wayne		97
Adams Express	97¾	98
American Express	68	68
United States Express	70¾	70¾
Harlem	121	120¾

NEW YORK, February 12, 1873.

Money was stringent; loaned as high as ½ per cent., and closed at 7 coin and interest per annum. Most of the business was at 1-32@1-16. There is much talk of a lock up in aid of bear operations in stocks. Sterling dull and heavy: 109 1-16@109¼. Gold was quiet and firm; 114 @114¾. Loans 2@6 per cent. for carrying and 1-64 to flat for borrowing. Clearings $64,000,000. Treasury disbursements $155,500. Government securities quiet and steady. The Assistant Treasurer bought one million at from 113 66-100 to 113 85-100. State bonds lower, with business freely pressed for sale. Railroad bonds were firm, with a good demand. Stocks were freely hammered by the bears most of the day and prices declined ¼@2¾ per cent., with the lowest prices current about 3 o'clock. Sales of very large and heavy short interest were made, which had the effect late in the day of stiffening prices and causing a rally of ½@1 per cent.; the market closing at the recovery.

GOVERNMENTS.—U. S. coupons of '81, 118¾; 5-20s '62, 115¼; do '64, 115¾; do '65, 115¾; new 5-20s, 114¾; '67, 116¼; do '68, 116¾; new 5s, 113¾; Ten-forties, 114¾. Currency 6s, 124¾.

STATE BONDS.—Missouri, 94½; Tennessee old, 79; do new, 79; Virginia new, 59; do old, 45; North Carolina 6s, 34¾; do new, 34.

STOCKS.—Canton, 100¾; Western Union Telegraph, 87¾; Quicksilver, 43; Adams Express, 97; Wells, Fargo & Co., 85; United States Express, 80; American Merchants Union Express, 53; Pacific Mail, 74¾; New York Central, 103½; Erie, 63¾; do. preferred, 79; Harlem, 120; do preferred, 125; Michigan Central, 109; Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne & Chicago, 99½; Northwestern, 81; do preferred, 90; Rock Island, 112¾; New York Central, 105¾; St. Paul, 52¾; do preferred, 74¾; Wabash, 72; do preferred, 82; Fort Wayne, 93¾; Terre Haute, 12; do preferred, 40; Chicago & Alton, 115; do preferred, 119; Ohio & Mississippi, 44¾; Cleveland, Columbus & Cincinnati, 92¾; Burlington & Quincy, 117; Lake Shore, 96; Panama, 417½; Illinois Central, 120; Union Pacific, 35¾; Union, 87¾; Delaware and Lackawanna, 100; Hartford, 0¾; Bankers' bills, 109¾.

PITTSBURGH MARKET.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, }
WEDNESDAY, February 12, 1873. }

APPLES—The market is unchanged, but in crease, as might be expected, in consequence of the severity of weather, and with no improvement in the demand, prices are weak, though not quotably lower, ranging from $1.50@2.50 per bbl., according to quality. Dried apples generally, in view of the fact that the supply all over the country is large, do not anticipate any advance in prices until toward the close of the season; at present quotations, however, there is little or no margin for shippers.

BEANS—Quiet and unchanged; $2.25@2.75 per bushel, according to quality.

BUTTER—The market continues quiet, although as noted in our last report, there is rather more buying for winter use, which, however, in any change in prices, as the supply is fully up to the demand. Common and inferior butter is dull, and the supply of this kind large and accumulating. Prime to choice roll, 27@30.

BROOM-CORN—Dull at $3@$8 per bbl.

CONCENTRATED LYE—Is quoted at $7.50 per case for 2¾ case lots, and $8 for small lots.

CRACKERS—Duckett's and Carey's, $14 per bbl; common, $10@12.

CANNED GOODS—Peaches, 3 pound cans, $2.35; 2 pound cans, $2.50; Winslow's Corn, $3; other brands, $2.50@2.75.

CARBON OIL—Is quotable at 16@16½ by the car-load, and 25¾ cents additional for smaller lots.

CHEESE—Prime Goshen is still reported steady, although in a jobbing way, the market is quiet and unchanged—the demand is mainly for the former, and it sells much more readily not withstanding the difference.

DRESSED HOGS—Quotable at 4¾ for coarse heavy, and 5 to 5¾ for light weights.

DRIED FRUIT—All sorts are dull, but prices are nominally unchanged. Peaches, halves, 7½@8 cts. Apples, 4@6. Blackberries, 10@12.

EGGS—In receipts of fresh stock increasing slightly, although the supply as yet is small, and notwithstanding the demand is very limited, prices are still maintained, ranging from 25@28 cts. It is not expected, however, that these prices will be sustained much longer, and this is not without a fact in restricting the demand, as dealers generally are taking hold very sparingly being apprehensive of an early decline. The eastern market are reported dull.

FLOUR—Trade is fair, but the market is weaker, although as yet there is no decline in prices. Spring wheat, $8 to $8.50 for fair to choice Wisconsins; $8.75 for choice Minnesotas; $9 for red winter, and $9@9.50 for choice red winter wheat. Liverpool and New York continue to be unsettled and weak; and most of the leading western market are in a similar condition, furthermore, wheat is dull and drooping, and the indications generally, point to lower prices; it was the opinion of several leading millers that prevailing railroad transportation and closing the rivers, more than all other causes combined, that put up flour and wheat to the present high range of supply, and now that these causes have been removed, it is but reasonable to expect a reaction. Rye Flour, $5@5.25.

GRAIN—There is rather more Wheat arriving but the supply as yet is small, and prices are still maintained, $1.60@1.65 for fair to prime red and $1.95@2 for white; the feeling, however is not as strong as it has been, and the tendency is slightly declining. Oats continue quiet, and with increased receipts and offerings the market is weaker although prices remain unchanged, as they are down almost to cost, the feeling prevails that prices will go no lower; we continue to quote at 45@46 as to quality. Shelled corn continues very slow, and the supply is accumulating, but there is no change to make in quotations, 56@58 on track and 59@60 free in elevator. Ear corn and corn reported at 54@55. Rye is still quotable at 90, with but little offering and not much inquiry for it. Barley is dull and weak, and nominal here; 90@95 for spring and $1 00@1,05 for fall according to quality.

HOG PRODUCE—Trade, although not active, and not what it ought to be, is nevertheless improving slowly, and as stocks in those sections of the country that dealers principally draw from this point, are considerably reduced, an increased demand, at no distant period is expected. If the continues firm, and roasters, it is said, contemplate advancing roasted to 28 cents, in consequence of the increased cost of green. Hams are also firmer, and the eastern markets are reported more active. Carolina Rice is reported firm and tending upward. New Orleans Molasses continue fairly active but unchanged.

SUGARS—Crushed, 12c; Granulated, 12c; Powdered, 11¾c; A Coffee, 11¼c; Ex. C, 11¼c; C, 11¼c; Porto Rico, 10@10¾c.

COFFEE—Common Rio, 22c; Fair, 23c; Good, 24c; Prime to choice, 25@26c; Roasted, in lb packages 27c; loose, 26¾c; Java, 36@37c.

PROVISIONS—Shoulders, 5c; Sugar cured Hams, 13c; Sugar Cured Shoulders, 8c; Plain Shoulders, 6½c; Rib Sides, 8c; Clear Rib Sides, 8¼c; Clear Sides, 9c; Breakfast Bacon, 11¾c; Dried Beef, 12¾c; Mess Pork, $14.00; Ham Sausage, 15c. Leaf Lard: in tierces, 9c; half bbls, 9¼c; pails, 10¼. Pigs Feet: in half bbls, $4.40 in ¼ bbls $2.30. Beef tongues, $7.50 per dozen.

HAGS—Quoted at 3¾@3¾c.

SEEDS—There is an increased demand, as there always is at this season of the year, but the receipts are light in consequence, and prices remain unchanged: $3.75@4 for Clover; $4.00@4.25 for Timothy, and $2 for Flax.

TALLOW—Unchanged at 8@8½c.

WHISKY—Highwines may be quoted at 93@ 94c.

PITTSBURGH LIVE STOCK MARKET.

CENTRAL STOCK YARDS, EAST LIBERTY. }
WEDNESDAY, February 12, 1873. }

CATTLE.

Trade, as those who know anything about it will concede, was bad enough last week, but thus far it has been still worse this week, and, furthermore, the indications are anything but favorable for an early change for the better. The eastern markets continue very dull, Philadelphia was worse this week than it has been yet, while New York is no better; hence, as might be expected, shippers are very timid, and the only paying

FOREIGN NEWS.

The Spanish Throne.

AMADEUS' ABDICATION ACCEPTED.

A Republic Declared.

THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT.

Communists Going to Madrid.

NUMEROUS CANDIDATES FOR THE VACANT THRONE.

SPAIN.

AMADEUS' ABDICATION.

LONDON, February 12.—No further news has been received from Madrid. The announcement of the abdication produces a profound sensation in Berlin. German papers hint that it was caused by French intrigues.

LONDON, February 12—10 A. M.—Since six o'clock this morning the dispatches received from Madrid have reported no disturbances, and there seems to be a disposition to maintain order and to support the provisional authorities.

Yesterday the two houses of the Cortes assembled at a late hour, and the formal message of abdication was read. It states that the King has maturely considered his course; that he accepted the crown under the belief that the people would support him; that he was deceived; that if his enemies were foreigners he would not have taken the course; that Spain has been in perpetual disquiet and all his efforts to put an end to the intrigues have been unavailing; that he has no wish to remain on the throne as king of a party.

Upon the completion of the reading the Senate and Congress met together and constituted themselves a sovereign Cortes. Senor Rivero, President of Congress, in a brief speech, declared himself ready to assume the functions of order and the execution of sovereign decrees. The abdication of Amadeus was then accepted unanimously. A Commission from the members of the Senate and Congress was then appointed to draft a message, and also to select another Commission to accompany the King to the frontier. Senor Pio then proposed a resolution establishing the Republic and vesting in the Assembly supreme power. The resolution was adopted by a vote of 256 yeas against 32 nays.

The Assembly was still in session when the foregoing was telegraphed.

Later.—The Committee of the Legislature have agreed to report in favor of raising one million two hundred thousand dollars by levying a direct tax on the people, to meet the present obligations.

The details of the proceedings of the Cortes have been received. The resolution of Pio was adopted. It comprised the following propositions: That Spain be declared a Republic, and that the National Assembly to assume all power and supreme authority, and appoint a respectable government to execute their decrees; that to another Assembly, hereafter elected, be referred the duty of determining the future form of the Constitution. The resolution was divided into several parts. Each part was voted upon separately. The provisions declaring that the Republic should vest the sovereign power in the Assembly were adopted. The remaining clauses were then taken up for discussion.

Salmeron declared that the Government of Zorrilo ought to receive the support of the Assembly. He desired that a vote of confidence be elected before the propositions of Pio were accepted. Rivero answered that the President of the Cortes was responsible for the preservation of the public peace and order. Zorrilo came down from his bed to support the motion, and urged the propriety of Salmeron's demand. He was called to order by the President and asked to resume his seat upon the ministerial bench.

Martos, Minister of Foreign Affairs, said it was a deplorable thing to see the people put up forms of tyranny, when the monarchy was being superseded by a republic. Rivero thereupon left the chair of the House, and Figuerola was called to preside in his stead.

P. M.—The following from Madrid has been received: It is believed here that Rivero, President of the Cortes, will be elected President of the Provisional Republic, being established by the vote of last night. Order will be preserved in Madrid. The attitude of the troops of the regular army and the National Guard is satisfactory.

THE NEW GOVERNMENT.

MADRID, February 12.—The Cortes to-day elected the following Government: Figueras, for President of Council, received 244 votes; Cordoba, Minister of War, 239; Pi Y. Margall, Minister of the Interior, 241; Francis Salmeron, Minister of Justice, 242; Francis Salmeron, Minister of Colonies, 238; Beranger, Minister of Marine, 246; Castelar, Minister of Foreign Affairs, 245; Becerra, Minister of Public Works, 238; Echegaray, Minister of Finance, 242.

The newly elected members of the Government took the ministerial bench. Figueras then addressed the Assembly. He said he owed his appointment to political circumstances. He believed Senores would have been nominated had he been present. He promised that the Spanish people should in the future have the utmost freedom in the choice of their rulers and representatives. He then read numerous telegrams from the provinces, showing that the public peace and order had been everywhere preserved. He hoped the Republic would be established forever, and that Spain would henceforth exercise her just independence in the affairs of Europe. He believed that the other nations would not be slow to imitate her example. The Government now chosen would ensure national integrity.

The Assembly then adjourned. The President of the Cortes will be elected to-morrow.

MADRID QUIET.

The city is quiet to-night. The revolution will be celebrated by a grand illumination.

PARIS, February 12.—A dispatch from Madrid announces that arrangements are made for King Amadeus and his family to leave that city at 6 o'clock this morning.

DEPARTURE OF AMADEUS.

LONDON, February 13.—Dispatches from Madrid announce that Ex King Amadeus, with his wife and children, has gone to Lisbon, where he will remain until further notice.

CARLISTS AT WORK.

PARIS, Feb 13.—The Telegraph reports that Don Carlos is preparing to take advantage of the crisis in Spain, to push his claims to the throne.

A meeting was held at the residence of the Duke D'Aumale yesterday, at which 160,000,000 francs were subscribed to aid the Duke De Monpensier in operations against the Republic in Spain. Masses are to be celebrated for the success of the Bourbon cause.

Prince Francois D'Assise, consort of ex-Queen Isabella, has left Paris for Madrid. Senor Olozaga to-day took leave of President Thiers, and leaves probably for the same destination.

FRANCE.

A CANDIDATE FOR THE SPANISH CROWN.

PARIS, February 12.—Prince Alphonse, son of ex-Queen Isabella of Spain, is expected to arrive in Paris to-morrow from Vienna.

COMMUNISTS GOING TO MADRID.

It is said the principal Communists of London, the British Isles and Geneav have started from their cities to Madrid.

WATCHING THE FRONTIER.

The French Government has issued instructions to the authorities along the Spanish frontier to redouble their vigilance for the prevention of violation of French neutrality.

GREAT BRITAIN.

A REWARD OFFERED.

LONDON, February 12.—The Spanish Consul at Liverpool has offered a liberal reward for information which will lead to the discovery of shipments of arms to insurgents in Spain and in Spanish colonies.

MARRIED.

Miss Rothschild was to-day married with religious ceremonies, notwithstanding the opposition of relatives, to Hon. Cecil Elliot Yorke, son of the Earl or Hardwicke.

SOUTH AMERICA.

YELLOW FEVER RAGING.

LISBON, February 12.—The mail steamship from Rio De Janeiro arrived, bringing advises from that city to the 22d of January. The yellow fever was raging violently in Rio. The number of deaths averaged forty per day.

THE POPULATION OF BRAZIL.

The census of Brazil has just been completed. The population of the Empire is 10,000,000, including nearly 2,000,000 slaves and 250,000 aborigines.

ITALY.

GOING AFTER AMADEUS.

NAPLES, February 12.—An Italian frigate has sailed from this port for Lisbon to meet Amadeus and convey him to this country. Another man-of-war ahs gone to Valencia to bring away the ex-King's attendants and court equipage.

AUSTRIA.

REFORM.

VIENNA, February 12.—The bill providing for ministerial and electoral reform has received the approval of the Emperor, and will soon be presented to the Reichsrath.

SWITZERLAND.

A BISHOP TO BE EXPELLED.

BERNE, February 12.—The Federal Council decided to expel Bishop Mermillod from the canton of Geneva.

FIRES.

Pottsville, Pa.

POTTSVILLE, February 12.—The breaker of the Greenville colliery, with five hundred tons of coal, was burned this morning.

OAKSVILLE, CONN.

ORANGEVILLE, February 12.—Lindsay's block and the adjoining buildings were burned this morning. The loss is estimated at forty thousand dollars.

—A Dublin letter says that the prosecution by the English Government, which has been reported by cable as commencing on Tuesday against the Irish bishop and twenty priests, growing out of the Galway election, has for its aim the punishment of those ecclesiasts who opposed the Government candidate, and it is probable that it may result in exciting the people to political disturbances.

Live Stock.

CHICAGO, February 12.—Cattle: receipts 1,000; market rather more active for good grades, which are scarce; prices lower and unchanged; fair to good native steers sold at $4,50 @5,50; Texans $3,25@3,75; shipments 517. Hogs: receipts 14,000; active, firm and higher; shippers and packers both buying; sales ranged from $4,20@4,60, principally $4,44@4,60; market closed strong; pens cleared; shipments 9,000.

HOME NEWS.

Stealing Clothing.

Last evening officer Scott arrested a man on the streets who carried a bundle under his arm. When taken to the lock-up he gave his name as Mosses Myers, and subsequent investigation proved that the bundle under his arm was a suit of clothing, taken from Hyman's clothing store, store, Liberty street. He had offered the suit for six dollars and a half, which the proprietor subsequently stated was worth, at retail, $20, and cost him wholesale $14. The man will have a hearing this morning.

The Time is Passing

When the fifteen acres occupied by the House of Refuge in Allegheny City can be bought as a whole. If not thus sold by the 1st or March, it will be offered accordlng to a plan of subdivision already adopted by the Managers.

The site is one of the finest in the city for a large manufactory, and the buildings might easily be adapted to many manufacturing purposes. Four acres of the ground are enclosed by a stone wall, twenty feet high. The property is very valuable, and if not taken as a whole, will find ready sale at retail. See advertisement in GAZETTE.

Work House Reform.

Mayor Blackmore is agitating the subject of a change in regard to the law of pardoning a prisoner from the Work House. Prisoners are committed to the Work House by the Mayor in default of their fines, and the law provides that they can only be released by a pardon from the Governor. If a friend offers to pay a man's fine an hour after he has been committed, it will avail him nothing, and this often seems a great hardship, especially in case of sickness. The Mayor has requested the City Solicitor to prepare an act of Assembly to remedy this, and which will give him the power to pardon a prisoner from the Work House on the payment of his fine, and will urge its passage by the Legislature.

Musical Soiree.

There will be a musical soiree given this evening at the Fourteenth ward school-house, on Fifth avenue, near Soho bridge. The proceeds are to go towards buying a new organ for the Soho Mission Sunday School. Mr. C. C. Mellor will have the management. He will be assisted by the quartette of the 1st Presbyterian Church, and the Orphan Club of Allegheny. Arrangements have been taken in the selection of the pieces for the programme we have no doubt that it will prove an entertaining affair.

Arrangements have been made with the Oakland Car Company to have a number of cars in attendance at the close of the concert, so that the audience may have no trouble in securing conveyance to the city.

The performances will commence promptly at eight o'clock. Admission fifty cents.

UNDER THE WHEELS.

Boy Killed at Rochester Station on the Fort Wayne Road.

As the Chicago Express, due here at 11:58 yesterday morning, was approaching Rochester station, a number of boys were seen applied and tempted to board the train. One of them, a lad whose name we could not learn, was thrown off and fell under the cars, several of them passing over him, cutting him literally in two, and killing him instantly.

The company has warned these boys time and again to be more guarded, but they have been heedless of the warning, and this is the result of their foolhardiness in trying to turn an honest penny.

KILLED BY A LOCOMOTIVE.

Accident on the Pennsylvania Road.

James Palmer, the train dispatcher at Conemaugh Station, on the Pennsylvania Railroad, died between one and two o'clock yesterday morning from injuries received the evening previous. It appears that the deceased was riding on the engine of a train, not seeing another engine coming in an opposite direction, he jumped off, the concussion of the approaching locomotive, caught him, and he was thrown under its wheels, which passed over his legs, one of them being nearly severed from his body. He was picked up and taken to his home, where physicians were summoned, who amputated one of the injured limbs. However he did not long survive the operation, and died yesterday morning as above reported. The deceased was much respected, had been in the employ for nearly twenty years, and is said to have been a very careful and considerate man. He leaves a wife and four children.

FIFTH U. P. CHURCH.

Reasons for Resignation.

Some of my people have published a card saying they are not hostile to the new Psalm book, and if it turns out that I have misrepresented them on that subject, I will gladly take it all back, and send the correction far and wide. Let us wait for the development of the mind of God on that matter in the future. When Presbytery meets I will be ready to do whatever Providence shall indicate is reference to my first reason. *Hostility to the revised Psalm book.*

As the Fifth church has done a great missionary work at home, as they still persevered in doing something for the cause of God abroad; as there is a difference of opinion about certain resolutions which were passed on the subject of Charities, and as all agree that they are of one mind now in regard to contributing to the various boards of the church, therefore I am well satisfied in regard to my second reason. *Opposition to missionary contributions.*

As my people always paid my salary promptly and have delivered to supplement it largely, as they have given me their loving co-operation during all their history; as I only simply complained of want of moral support which was only withdrawn very recently; and as their harmonious vote at their last meeting guarantees to me all necessary encouragement for the future; therefore I am more than satisfied in regard to my third reason. *Unrequited toil.*

It is needless that I say people should satisfy me on these subjects, both the church and the world should know. I trust Presbytery will pardon me for making this exhibit before the time of their meeting. I felt myself required, from haste in this matter. I could not rest without saying this much. More was taken out of my reasons than I ever put in them. S. B. REED.

THE IRON SUIT.

That Alleged Breach of Contract—A Reply from the Defendants.

Last week we noticed the fact that the preliminary papers in a heavy suit for damages had been entered in the Court of Common Pleas by Messrs. Kloman & Carnegie Bros., proprietors of the Union Iron Mills, against the Cascade Iron Company. The plaintiffs alleged that they had made a contract with the Company for twenty-five thousand tons of iron ore, guaranteed to be equal to the best Lake Superior specular ore (excepting the Jackson Iron Company's ore) but that there had been only 22,747 tons of ore delivered, and it was of an inferior quality, by which they (plaintiffs) sustained damages to the amount of $211,327.50. They also alleged that 2,253 tons of the ore has not yet been delivered, to their further damage of $14,087, or an aggregate injury, in dollars and cents, of $225,414.50.

Yesterday the defendants entered a reply to this affidavit from the President of the Cascade Company, Mr. Joseph Kirkpatrick. The affidavit of defense sets forth that the contract was made, and that under it 22,747 tons of the ore were delivered; that it was of as good a quality as called for by the contract; and that they were ready to deliver the remaining 2,253 tons, and did tender the same, but that the plaintiffs refused to accept it. Defendants therefore deny that plaintiffs suffered any loss or damage from default in filling the contract, and further, that they have a full defense for all the statements alleged in the affidavits of plaintiffs.

After the paper was presented, a rule was granted by the Court to compel plaintiffs to plead in ten days, and the case accordingly will probably come up for further disposition next week. Messrs. Brown, Samuel Schoyer and Hampton appear for the complainants, and Messrs. Acheson, Sol. Schoyer and Shiras for the defense.

THE FIRST TICK.

The City Hall Clock Safely Placed in the Tower and Will Start to Running—A Handsome Piece of Machinery.

The work of setting up the great clock in the tower of the municipal building was completed yesterday morning, so far as the machinery is concerned, and at ten o'clock the weight was attached and the pendulum started to swinging. The work of setting up the machinery required great skill and care, but was safely and successfully accomplished, under the efficient direction of Mr. James Woodman. The weight is attached to a wire rope, "and when wound up will run eight days. It consists of separate pieces of iron, each weighing forty-two pounds, and as many of them can be used, as desirable. Yesterday eighteen of these weights were used, making seven hundred and fifty-six pounds in all. The pendulum weighs one hundred and seventy-five pounds, and is thirty-nine inches long, vibrating every second. The clock was constructed with a view of striking the "big bell" every three hours, as is now done from the Fire Alarm office. However, a wire from the striking apparatus of the bell has not yet been connected with the clock. The clock has what is known as the "gravity escapement" pendulum, and this very important part of the machinery is constructed with great accuracy. It is probably the only clock of the kind on this side of the ocean. The vibrations of the pendulum, it is claimed, will, by this construction, always be equal, and that the wind on the hands will not have the slightest effect upon the movements of the pendulum. A small clock, the dial of which is about the ordinary size of a house clock, is attached to the works, and indicates the exact time of the large dials on the outside. Another still smaller dial indicates the seconds. A glass case is to be placed about the machinery. Mr. James Hamlet, an electrician connected with the manufactory, arrived in the city from Boston yesterday, and he and Prof. Langley will proceed immediately with the regulating, which will probably require three or four days. However, the clock will still be kept running, and its slight variation from the correct time will scarcely be noticeable.

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THE IRON INTERESTS.

The Stove Manufacturers in Council.

SECOND SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING.

A Large Delegation Present.

OPENING ADDRESSES—TEMPORARY ORGANIZATION, &C.

Yesterday at noon the National Association of Stove Manufacturers commenced its second semi-annual convention in Library Hall. Sixty-three delegates were present, representing the principal stove manufacturing firms in the United States. The association was first organized in New York a year ago, and held their first semi annual meeting last summer in Cincinnati. The object of the convention, it is claimed, is not specially to raise the price of their wares, but for the general interest of the trade and to promote a free discussion of the various subjects connected with the business. Delegates from New York, Boston, Albany, Troy, Cincinnati, Chicago, Philadelphia, St. Louis, and other cities were present. Nine firms of Pittsburgh were represented, and the manufacturers of this city had made ample provision for the accommodation of the visiting delegates, and the headquarters were established at the Monongahela House.

THE CONVENTION CALLED TO ORDER.

The delegates took seats on the stage and were called to order by the President of the Association, John S. Perry, of the firm of Perry & Co, of Albany, N. Y. Mr. Thomas S. Mitchell, of Mitchell, Stevenson & Co., of this city, was elected temporary secretary. The delegates, when seated on the stage ready for business, appeared one of the finest, most dignified and gentlemanly set of men that has met in Pittsburgh for some time. The Secretary called the roll of members, a large proportion of whom responded to their names.

ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT.

After the call of the roll, President Perry read an ably prepared address, which was very comprehensive, containing many interesting statistics and valuable suggestions to the trade. The address is very long, occupying an hour and a half in its delivery. We regret that a lack of space prevents our publishing it entire. The President commenced his address by congratulating the trade upon having successfully established an Association like the present, and upon the good results of the past year. He carefully reviewed the condition of the iron market for the last two years. He spoke in the highest terms of the Association, and said that a minimum of prices ought to be established, and suggested that the lowest prices for finished work be fixed at 9½, 8¾ and 7¾ cents per pound. There are, he stated, two hundred and fifty firms in the United States, with a capital of from $40,000,000 to $50,000,000. If the present prices of iron are advanced, the stove manufacturers must act accordingly in regard to their prices. There seems no reasonable hope that the price of iron will be reduced, on account of the cost of labor and the reduction of the supply from foreign production. He will defend a home production that is limited by the high prices of ore. It is reasonable to suppose that iron will advance instead of receding in price. He then spoke of the importance of Association in procuring legislation for the better protection of patents on patterns, and suggested that a committee be appointed by this convention to co-operate with other industries for the benefit of patentees. He said that he had requested to ask this convention to petition for the repeal of the duty on pig iron. He could not do that because he thought it was a political question, and because he was a Democrat on principle. On the contrary, he was a drummers, and the proposition to abolish them, he thought they would be taking a radical position to go further in that matter than other trades. Besides he doubted if their abolishment could be effected. He said that he was of opinion that the firms composed of the greatest number the greatest advantage, as they might keep some of their representatives out while others could not. At the close of the address Mr. Perry was loudly applauded.

Mr. Thomas S. Mitchell respond d in the following

ADDRESS OF WELCOME.

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Convention.—It affords me great pleasure, on behalf of our stove manufacturers, to extend to you a most cordial welcome to the city of Pittsburgh. I welcome you as strangers, in the knowledge that most of you are personally unacquainted in this community, but we hope to give you such evidences of friendship and hospitality, as shall make you ever after welcome members of a familiar brotherhood. At the same time, I welcome you as friends, feeling that, on this day we may have never met, yet we are bound together in interest and sympathy—engaged in a common vocation, with amicable relations existing between us, and with a harmony of sentiment and homogeneity of purpose which renders any further introduction unnecessary. The stove manufacturers of the United States are not lacking in that "fellow feeling" which "makes the whole world kin," much less that fraternal sentiment which links together as brethren those who are engaged in the same handicraft. I welcome you as fellow-craftsmen, associated in a useful and honorable pursuit, having for its object the promotion of the health, the comfort and the happiness of their fellow men.

ANCIENT STOVES.

It would be interesting had I the time to trace the progress made in the manufacture of stoves during the past century, from the crude invention of Dr. Franklin—which was admitted to be a great improvement on the open fire of his day—to the first close cooking and heating apparatus now in use. These inventions and improvements have engaged the minds of statesmen and philosophers, not only in this country, but all over the civilized world, and it is safe, indeed sure to say that, through the skill, the industry and the intelligence of those engaged in the business, this particular branch of industry has kept steadily progressive with the times to the age, and that the stove manufacturers of the United States occupy the front rank as successful inventors. I congratulate you, therefore, as the representatives of this department of manufacture in the United States, upon the high and honorable position which you occupy before the world.

WELCOME TO THE "SMOKY CITY."

And, lastly, permit me to welcome you to our city in the interests of a common country—a republic which has solved the grand problem of the capacity of the people for self-government. As citizens we meet on the same level, no matter what distinctions of a social, pecuniary or business nature may be drawn between us. I am a citizen of this free republic, each man stands the peer of his fellow, and all have an equal right in its blessing and privilege.

In welcoming you to Pittsburgh, gentlemen, I cannot promise you anything attractive in the way of natural beauty or artificial ornamentation. The first suggestion which a stranger receives, on entering this city, is that of smoke, and we have an abundance of smoke and dirt, whatever else we may lack. This idea is inseparably associated with Pittsburgh, and has obtained for us the *soubriquet* "The Smoky City."

NOT ASHAMED OF OUR SMOKE.

We tender no excuse for our smoke. It is the incense we offer to to the God Vulcan, who presides over our numerous forges and furnaces, and is the emblem of our thrift and industry. Beneath the dark cloud that envelopes the city are the elements of wealth, prosperity and refinement. Here you will find an ambition as high, a philanthropy as noble, and a generosity as unselfish as actuate the minds and move the hearts of of those enjoying the purest atmosphere and the clearest sky. Our people will smirch the face of the fairest lady, but it will not dim the lustre of her eye, or spot her reputation. [Applause.] It will begrim the merchant, the banker and the professional man, as well as the person of the swarthy workman, but it never blackens the heart or stains the conscience. Under this dingy haze, this misty eclipse, you will find wealth, generous hearts, and open and generous hands, and an old fashioned, homelike hospitality. And yet while we are preeminently "The Smoky City," we are not always under a cloud. There are days of bright shine which dispel our gloom, and lighten up our darkest quarters. It is not a common blessing, however, and is all the more enjoyable when vouchsafed to us. [Laughter and applause.] On such occasions we can transport the stranger to the tops of our hills, and point him to landscapes as beautiful and picturesque as nature ever modelled.

PITTSBURGH'S WEALTHS.

We have also delightful drives, pleasant suburbs and public and private institutions, of which we are not ashamed, and which the stranger would doubtless visit with interest and gratification. But of these we do not boast. We do pride ourselves on our manufacturing industries, and to these your attention will be specially invited. It is not my purpose to go into details in regard to the great staples which we produce here in such abundance, and which has given us a world-wide reputation. Suffice it to say that, from data furnished from the recent census statistics, the business of Pittsburgh in iron, steel, glass, copper, agricultural implements, and other leading articles, foot up a yearly product of over $98,000,000. There is invested an aggregate capital of $54,000,000, giving employment to 50,000 men and hands, and who receive annually in wages $17,000,000. The cost of raw material is about $36,000,000 annually. There are many important items not included in this estimate, owing to the difficulty of obtaining accurate information. The coal, for instance, is omitted for the reason that the mines are mostly located in the Monongahela valley, yet the coal trade is essentially a part of the business of Pittsburgh. Last year we mined over 115,000,000 bushels, equal to 3,870,000 tons. During 1872 we produced 44,000,000 bushels of coke, an increase of 21,000,000 bushels over the year 1871. We have no record of the capital invested in this important branch of trade, but it would greatly swell the aggregate of the business done here.

AN IRON CITY.

The greatest of all our industries is iron and its products. In 1870, in iron and steel alone, we had $27,000,000 invested as capital, and employed 16,000 hands.

The increase in the number of rolling mills, furnaces, foundries, etc., during the past few years, has been most marked, and the next census will shown an extraordinary growth and development in these branches. Up to1872 we had but four blast furnaces, with a capacity of 1,000 tons per week. Four new furnaces were erected last year with a capacity of 1,700 tons per week. We now produce annually 150,000 tons of pig iron, and consume not less than 650,000 tons of raw metal per year, or over one-fourth of the whole production of the United States.

In the manufacture of glass, as in iron, we lead all other cities. In the eight years ending in 1871, our glass factories increased from 40 to 70, and fully one half of the glass factories in the United States are located here. The value of the oil trade has increased more than 100 per cent. in the last ten years, and is now estimated at over $12,000,000 annually. The banks and banking firms of our city number 104, with an aggregate capital of $28,000,000.

You can judge, therefore, whether we are not justified in the exhibition of some little pride in our manufacturing industries. With unlimited supplies of the cheapest and best fuel, and with unsurpassed facilities for the receipt of raw materials, and shipment of manufactured products—situated, as we are, at the head of a river navigation fifteen thousand miles in extent, and the center of a vast network of railroads reaching to the lakes and from ocean to ocean—we are destined to become the greatest inland city of the continent.

I might speak of our growth in population, our increase in commerce, our progress in architecture and in public improvement, but I will not trespass further upon your time. You have met for the purpose of considering important questions affecting the interests of the stove manufacturers of the United States, and permit me to express the hope that your deliberations may be harmonious, and that your action may tend to promote the best interests of the trade. I thank you, gentlemen, for your kind attention, and bid you a most cordial and hearty welcome to the "Iron City." [Applause.]

Mr. A. Bradley, of Pittsburgh, the Treasurer of the Association, read his report, showing a healthy financial condition of the Association.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

As a short time yet existed before the hour of adjournment, the President suggested that the time and place of the next meeting be considered. This occasioned considerable discussion, in which Buffalo, Detroit, Niagara Falls and Saratoga were suggested as the place for the next meeting.

General Rathbone moved that the next meeting of the Association be held at Niagara Falls, on the 18th of June, 1873. The motion was discussed at some length and finally carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

A motion was made to elect John S. Perry, Esq., President by acclamation, but it was finally decided that such proceedings would be out of order. A motion was then made that General Rathbone be appointed to cast the vote of the Association for the following gentlemen, who were elected, and the General cast his vote for Mr. Perry. The matter of the appointment of a permanent Secretary was on motion referred to the President.

GATHERING STATISTICS.

The President asked if he would be authorized in expending eight or ten hundred dollars for the purpose of procuring and arranging in convenient form reliable statistics of the trade.

The Convention at once acquiesced, and several suggestions were made in regard to raising the necessary funds. One delegate moved that all the funds of the Association be placed at the command of the President, and another suggested that the amount be raised by assessment. Mr. Mott moved that the President be empowered to use fifteen hundred dollars for the object mentioned, and that the expense be met by assessments upon the members of the Association. The motion was put and carried.

The President explained that the sum asked for was not as a compensation for himself or any of his clerks, but to defray other expenses incidental to gathering and publishing the information.

Mr. James T. Jackson, of New York, at the invitation of the President, addressed the Convention. He said that although not a member of the Association, he felt much interest in the meeting and wished them success.

REMARKS OF GENERAL RATHBONE.

The President suggested that some one address the Convention on the subject of "Iron." General Rathbone, he said, was one of the oldest men, and here the President paused, and while the delegates glanced at the snowy locks and beard of the venerable General, and smiled—the oldest man in the business, added the President, he then apologized for pausing so long between his words.

The General said that although he believed he had been as long in the stove business as any member present, he thought there were others even older in point of time. He was astonished what interested in the present and prospective price of iron, as he was a stockholder in a large blast furnace in Philadelphia. He anticipated that the price of pig iron by next summer would be fifty dollars per ton, and perhaps fifty-five, and he had governed himself in his business according to that impression. He knew that many thought that there would be a material decline in the price of iron by next summer or fall, but he felt sure that they would be greatly disappointed. The manufacturers had unfortunately advanced the price of iron, and the one men, thinking that they, too, ought to make a profit, had put up the price of coal from two to three dollars per ton, and the effect would be to advance the price of iron still higher. But the price of iron was also greatly influenced by the price of coal. The coal combined here in two of the largest and most thrifty coal dealers in Pennsylvania that they had lost from fifty cents to one dollar per ton on all the coal they had delivered to their customers. He thought then that we might safely anticipate an advance of from one to two dollars per per ton in the price of coal in 73, over that of '72. As to the one-half cent of coal we used to the ton during one ton of iron, the increase in the price of coal will, of course, be added to the price of iron, and therefore we shall have an advance of about two dollars per ton on the price in 73 over that of 72. He was glad to see the large supply of iron, which would be another thing that would induce an advance. The furnace in which he was interested in Philadelphia was now turning out two hundred and twenty-five tons per day, and he thought they could possibly manufacture during the present year, even making no provision for accidents, strikes, &c. He knew of other furnaces which had made provisions for one-half, two-thirds and even three-fourths of the capacity of all the iron they can possibly produce this year. Not one-half enough iron is manufactured to supply the present demand. The General concluded by expressing his opinion that the price of iron would reach fifty-five dollars per ton in the coming year.

TAKING OFF THE DUTY.

Mr. Pratt, of Boston, wished for information. He would like General Rathbone to tell him what the effect on our manufactures would be if the duty on foreign pig iron was taken off.

The General replied that he had often thought of that but he didn't feel able to give a definite answer to the question. He felt confident that the time was not far distant when iron would be taken off the list. He was in favor of free iron, and not from Europe to the United States as at present. Then the question would be reversed, and the inquiry in Europe would be "what is the price of iron to the United States?"

THE WIT OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Mr. J. C. Martin, whose jokes on previous occasions in the room had provoked to mirth the dignified delegates, was called on by the President for an address. Mr. Martin rose and commenced by remarking that he really didn't know what he could say about it. But something reminded him—his conscience, perhaps, or his appetite—that the subject of "dinner" would not be uninteresting. A number of the friends of the Association had that extra two-hundred and sixty-eight pounds were placed on a ton of pig iron in this city for "sandage." The speaker said he supposed "sandage" for the world to know, but at present he thought he would like to feel some "sand which is" here. At this the speaker placed his hand upon that portion of his anatomy whose gentle cravings had suggested the topic. When the jokes had fairly penetrated the Association an outburst of merriment was the result, and several minutes were consumed before the proper degree of dignity was reached to resume business.

COMMITTEES.

The President then appointed the following gentlemen a committee to determine upon and report a scale of prices and terms: Messrs. Perry, Mott, Prosser, Left, Shepherd, Ranson, Wells and Sard.

Committee on nominations: Messrs. Mott, Bell, Coding, Lape and Shinnick.

Mr. Shepherd moved that a committee of five be appointed to take charge of and consider the address of the President. The motion was carried, but the appointment of the committe was deferred.

A VISIT TO MILLVALE.

Mr. A. Bradley invited all the delegates to visit Millvale in the evening. Two cars requested them to be at the Union Depot promptly at 5:59 P. M. The invitation was informally accepted.

On motion of Mr. Rathbone the Association adjourned to meet this morning at ten o'clock.

The delegates, at the hour named in the invitation assembled at the Union Depot and took the train for Millvale, to visit the extensive stove manufactory of Bradley & Co. There were handsomely entertained upon arrival at their destination, and spent the evening in rambling through the works, and with an agreeable supplement to their sauntering, a banquet. The guests returned to the city early before midnight, with the most pleasant remembrances of Pittsburgh hospitality.

"OLD RELIABLE."

A Sound Pittsburgh Institution—A Safe Place to Leave Money—The Germania Savings Bank—Accommodation and the Best of Security.

The man of small means as well as the capitalist is interested in knowing just where his surplus cash can be placed to the best advantage, as regards the returns which will come from it, and the security offered for its safe-keeping. Hence a depositor who proposes to leave his money with any banking institution is desirous of securing one where he can be *sure* it will always be safe, and from which he feels certain of securing a good return, and the bank that can offer the best inducements in these respects is certainly to prosper. The history of one of these institutions which has been preeminent in all these respects—the Germania Savings Bank—occurs to us as an apt illustration of the truth of our proposition. The Germania has long been looked upon as one of the best of Pittsburgh Saving's Banks, and one of the soundest in the State, and it has acquired this reputation by affording accommodation and safety to depositors for a long series of years, in which it has been put to the greatest tests. A few days since its statement was published, from which an idea could be had of its stability. Its capital stock is $150,000, and its stockholders representing, in the aggregate, millions of dollars, are individually liable to double the amount of their stock. Then their assets on the first of January, 1873, were *over half a million* dollars. Certainly no better showing could be desired than that on the score of reliability. Then as to accommodation to patrons, their statement shows that six per cent. interest is paid on deposits, the interest being calculated from the 1st and 15th of each month, and thus the depositor never loses any time.

If other recommendations of this institution were desired, we think they would be found in the character of the men in whose hands the business of the bank is entrusted, whose names appear elsewhere. These gentlemen, individually, have been successful in their private business, and could hardly fail to succeed in the management of any public trust. The business at the bank is transacted on a liberal yet prudent scale, so as to ensure the greatest measure of profit to the patron, while the security at the same time is maintained.

The Germania is open daily from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M., and on Saturday evening from 7 to 9. Among all our banking institutions we know of none we can more heartily recommend.

On Hand Again.

Mr. Charles I. Barr, the well known and popular dealer in gentlemen's furnishing goods, No. 98 Smithfield street, has just returned home from an extended western trip, and is now "on hand" to supply the wants of his patrons. He has recently made large additions to the fine stock of goods in his store, and offers all the freshest novelties in his line at very reasonable prices. Gentlemen cannot deal anywhere else to better advantage, a fact which a purchasing visit will fully demonstrate.

Pittsburghers who Started for the Capital Last Night.

Meteorological influences yesterday interfered very considerably with the arrangements and purposes of many of our citizens and Councilmen who had planned to visit Harrisburg and participate in the obsequies to-day in memory of ex-Governor Geary. Many who had previously expressed a determination to make the trip were led to change their design by the snowstorm which set in during the afternoon and early evening, and which betokened anything but a comfortable journey over the mountains, with a possibility of being "snowed up." A number, however, who had determined to go to the State Capital at all hazards, started on the four o'clock train yesterday afternoon, and others assembled at the Union Depot last night. In this latter party were, an additional delegation from City Councils, and a number of citizens, among whom was His Honor Judge Kirkpatrick. Just before they started a message was received from the Clerk of the Councils at Harrisburg, in which it was stated that the Harrisburg Councils tendered the hospitalities of the city to the Councilmen from Pittsburgh. There was no special car attached to the train for the party, but the passenger list of the train was very full, and the accommodations for all. They started about 9 o'clock, and will arrive in Harrisburg this morning before daybreak.

Advices from Harrisburg indicate there will be an immense concourse of visitors in the city to-day.

A Partial List of Properties for Sale by Cole & Irwin, Nos. 68 and 70 Fifth Avenue, (Mutchly Building.)

The following properties will be sold at a reduction, if purchased, previous to April 1st:

GOLD CLAIM.

French Gulch, Siskiyou county, Colorado. We have several specimens, as taken from this claim, and can give a good title. The Claim is in working order, with Flume, Cabins, Utensils, &c. Let for further details call at our office, where a plan can be seen. To a live, practical man this is a good opportunity.

EAST LIBERTY, River Avenue. (43.)

Frame house of 6 rooms and hall, cellar, water, (cistern). House well finished. Lot 50 by 95, situate on River Avenue, one square from Station street. Price $4,500. Terms 1-3 cash; balance in 1, 2, 3 and 4 years. The House is in excellent order, and pleasantly located.

HOMEWOOD, PENN'A R. R. (150.)

Frame House, 4 rooms and hall, porch in front. House new and in good repair. Lot 25 by 100. Situate on Homewood avenue, two minute's walk from station, and two squares from Penn avenue. Price, $2,300. Terms, 1-3 cash; balance in 1 and 2 years.

EAST LIBERTY. Collins Avenue.

One of the finest located Building Lots in the 19th ward. 40 by 129. Between station and Rop streets. Price and terms reasonable.

FIRE CLAY BRICK WORKS. (203.)

282 acres of land, with 3 lots, situate at Black Lick station, Indiana county, Penn'a. These works are in good running order, new engines, 2 cylinder boilers, new rotary mill, 2 kilns; capacity for manufacturing 6,000 bricks daily. ⅔ of the above tract is underlaid with a five-foot vein of fire clay, and four-foot vein of coal. Parties wishing an investment of this kind, will please give us a call. Price and terms reasonable.

COLE & IRWIN.

Why

Does every family endorse the Singer sewing machine? Simply on account of its meeting their wants in ever sense, and doing just what they require.

R. Straw & Co., Sixth street, are happy in receiving a call from all those who may want to examine its merits.

Ladies

will please call in the early part of the day at the Arizona Diamond Store, and avoid the crowd—38 Fifth avenue.

Ladies

will please